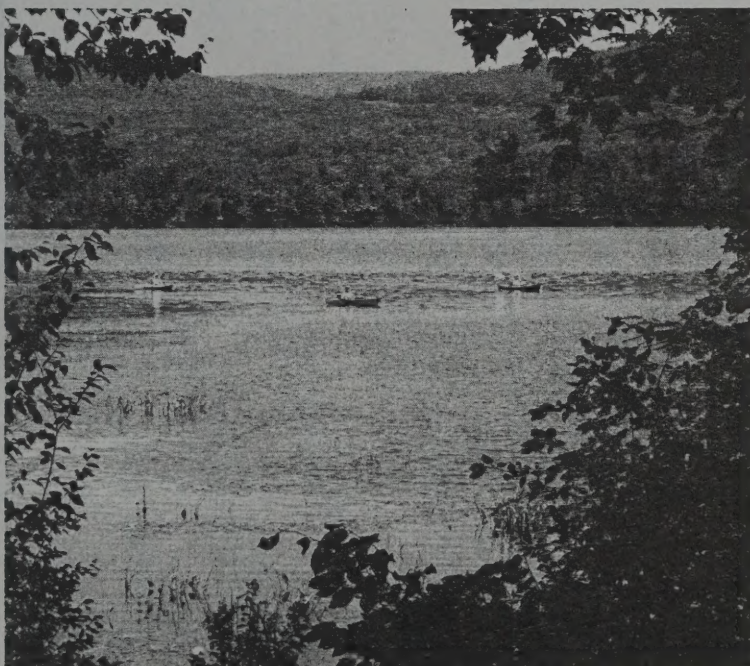


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# Town of Piermont New Hampshire

## Annual Report of Officers



*Three kayakers enjoy summer paddle on beautiful Lake Tarleton*

For The Year Ending December 31  
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# **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Any Time of Day or Night

Ambulance

Fire

Police

**DIAL - 911**

When Dispatcher answers, give your

Name

Problem

Location and

Your Phone Number

The needed help will start out immediately to where you are



## Dedication

To those who have served,  
To those who do serve, and  
To those who will serve

The Annual Report of the Town of Piermont is hereby dedicated to the unsung and mostly unknown individuals who respond in the wee hours of the darkest night, on beautiful weekend days, in miserable soaking, cold weather, knee deep in snow, blustery winds and in homes never before entered;

To those who deal with our personal injuries, our careless accidents, our frightening, bloody, terrifying moments, the terror of our heart attacks, strokes and broken bones and other life-death incidents that render us helpless and dependent;

To those who risk personal safety, provide care without personal gain, who often come and go without a "thank-you" or fanfare;

To those who give of their time to train and arrive when called carrying that bag of "tools" that provide initial aid to the injured;

To that individual who needs to and makes decisions, acting with care providing the initial treatment to protect us and sometimes save us;

To that person who spends hours learning new diagnostic skills, intervention methodologies and first responder techniques all to benefit us in time of need;

To those who lift us in comfort and spirit when we are most vulnerable and frightened;

To those who define the term and spirit of volunteerism;



*This year's Piermont Annual Report is proudly dedicated to the Piermont FAST Squad: Left to Right, Dana Hartley, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Ellen Putnam and Dr. Alex Medlicott.*

To those members of the ---

Piermont Fast Squad  
Company C-PFD

**Thank you and heartfelt gratitude!!**



# Independent Auditor's Report



## PLODZIK & SANDERSON

Professional Association/Accountants & Auditors

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Piermont  
Piermont, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Piermont as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

The government-wide statement of net assets does not include any of the Town's capital assets nor the accumulated depreciation on those assets, and the government-wide statement of activities does not include depreciation expense related to those assets. Also, the liability for accrued landfill postclosure care costs has been omitted. These amounts have not been determined. Therefore, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Piermont at December 31, 2006, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Piermont as of December 31, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 2, as of January 1, 2006, the Town has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*.

The budgetary comparison information is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The Town of Piermont has not presented a management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Piermont's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

October 3, 2008

Plodzik & Sanderson  
Professional Association



# Annual Report of Officers

## Town Of Piermont New Hampshire



*Former Town Moderator Arnold Shields swears in elected members of town government*

For the Year Ending December 31  
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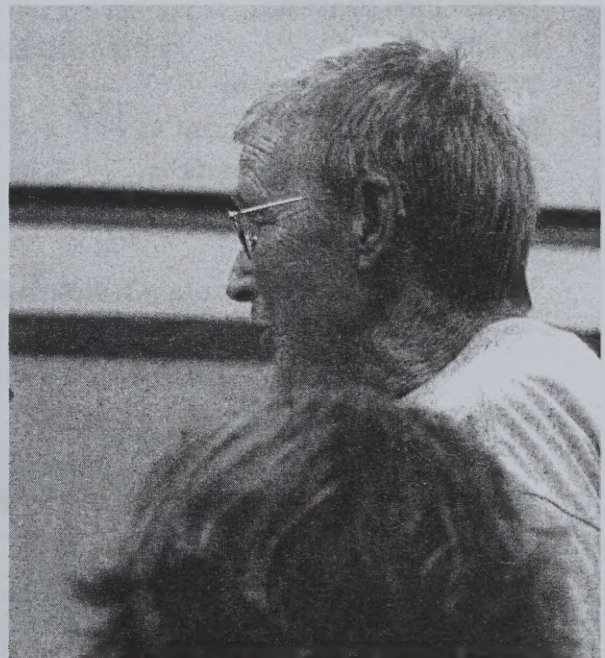
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*School Board member Abigail Underhill*



*Abby Metcalf speaks at school meeting*



## **Town Officers**

Board of Selectman	Robert Lang, Chairman (2010) Mark Fagnant (2009) Richard Dion (2011)
Executive Assistant to Board of Selectman	Jennifer Collins
Tax Collector	Linda Lambert (2009)
Town Clerk	Linda Lambert (2009)
Treasurer	James Lambert (2009)
Road Agent	Frank Rodimon (2011)
Police Chief	Robert Garvin
Animal Control Officer	Wayne Godfrey
Fire Chief	Keith Brick
Forest Fire Warden	Roy Belyea
Health Officer	Alex Medlicott
Welfare Administrator	Jennifer Collins
Emergency Management	Wayne Godfrey
Supervisors of the Checklist	Vea Jenks (2010) Russell Woodard (2012) Peggy Fullerton (2014)
Trustee of Trust Funds	Frederick Shipman, Chairman (2011) Jean Underhill (2010) Abby Metcalf (2009)
Moderator	Joyce Tompkins (2010)

## **Library Trustees**

Helga Mueller, Chairman (2011)	Stephanie Gordon (2011)
Nancy Sandell (2010)	Joe Medlicott (2010)
Marian Shields (2009)	Joyce Tompkins (2009)
Betty Hall (2009)	
Margaret Ladd, Librarian	
Jim Meddaugh, Assistant Librarian	

## **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Frederick Shipman, Chairman (2010)	Charles Brown (2011)
Helga Mueller (2011)	George Schmid (2010)
Steve Daly (2009)	Richard Dion, Alternate (2011)
Zoning Administrator	Terry Robie



## **Planning Board**

William Morris, Chairman (2010)  
Peggy Fullerton (2011)  
Suzanne Woodard (2010)  
Jean Daley (2009)  
Ora Schwartzberg, Alternate (2011)

Frederick Shipman (2011)  
Edward French (2011)  
Peter Labounty (2009)  
Helga Mueller, Secretary (2009)  
Mark Fagnant, Ex-Officio

## **Historical Society**

Joe Medlicott, President  
Frederick Shipman  
Lloyd Hall

Helga Mueller  
Anna Williams  
Betty Hall

## **Conservation Commission**

Helga Mueller, Chairman (2011)  
David Ritchie (2010)  
William Morris (2009)

Eric Underhill (2011)  
Charles Grant (2010)  
Ernie Hartley (2009)

## **Transfer Station & Recycle Center**

Wayne Godfrey, Manager  
John Metcalf, Assistant Manager



*Librarians, L-R: Margaret Ladd, Joyce Tompkins and Helga Mueller hard at work. Helga was honored in Manchester as a 2008 New Hampshire Volunteer of the Year for all she does in the community!*



## WARRANT FOR 2009 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 10, 2009

### TOWN OF PIERMONT

Polls will open at 10:00 AM in the Old Church Building to vote on article one. Polls will close at 6:30 PM. The town meeting will continue in Piermont Village School at 7:30 pm to conduct the remaining articles of town business.

ARTICLE ONE: (By Official Ballot) To vote by Official Ballot for the following Town Officers:

Selectman	term of three years
Treasurer	term of one year
Trustee of Trust Fund	term of three years
Three Library Trustees	term of three years
Tax Collector	term of three years
Town Clerk	term of three years

ARTICLE TWO: To raise and appropriate \$825,237.02. Appearing in the Town Budget as necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year, divided as follows and subject to any adjustment which may be voted upon at this meeting:

Fire Department (pg 46)	\$37,986.00
Police Department (pg 43)	\$52,957.00
Ambulance Services	\$12,075.00
Dispatching Services	\$8,700.00
Welfare Administration (page 59)	\$23,315.00
Town Administrative Personnel (page 34)	\$17,240.00
Town Officers Salaries Expense (pg 34)	\$52,958.21
Office Expenses (pg 34)	\$44,205.00
Election and Vital Statistics	\$2,500.00
Town Auditor Expense (pg 34)	\$23,000.00
Trustee of the Trust Funds	\$400.00
Assessor "Pickups"	\$2,500.00
Revaluation/Statistical Updates	\$12,000.00
Planning & Zoning (pg 58) (see note 1)	\$3,530.00
Town Building Expenses (pg 35)	\$14,100.00
Insurance	\$11,000.00
Interest	\$500.00
Animal Control	\$200.00
Highways and Bridges (pg 41) (see note 2)	\$243,144.87
Streets, Lights, Blinkers	\$5,500.00
Transfer and Recycling Center (pg 54)(see note 3)	\$44,466.90
Fire Engine Payment	\$38,836.00



Town Grounds (pg 55)	\$5,950.00
Town Building Maintenance and Upgrades	\$30,000.00
Recreation Committee	\$7,000.00
Cemetery (pg 62) (see note 4)	\$15,207.00
Conservation Committee	\$650.00
Office for Town Grant Writing (NEW)	\$3,000.00
Office for Elder Affairs (NEW)	\$2,000.00
Web Site Design & Hosting (NEW)	\$3,000.00
Miscellaneous Town Expenses (pg 35)	\$39,300.00
Piermont Library (pg 50) (see note 5)	\$33,487.00
Village Sewer System (pg 51) (see note 6)	\$34,529.04
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Total Town Charges	<u><u>\$825,237.02</u></u>

NOTE 1: Total taxes to be raised by the town are \$2,730.00. \$800.00 is anticipated to be reimbursed by applicants.

NOTE 2: Total taxes to be raised by the town are \$134,100.00. \$76,781.46 has been received from a FEMA grant for disaster relief. \$32,263.21 is anticipated to be received for the state in a Highway Block Grant.

NOTE 3: Total taxes to be raised by the town are \$21,866.90. \$19,000 is expected to be raised from the sale of bags and other fees. \$3,600.00 will come from the Recycling Trust Fund.

NOTE 4: Total taxes to be raised by the town are \$3,575.00. \$1,075.00 is expected to come from user fees. \$2,500.00 will come from the Cemetery Trust Fund.

NOTE 5: Total taxes to be raised by the town are \$33,487.00. \$9,765.00 will come from book sales, copies sold, donations, interest earned, reimbursement from restricted, school use, and misc.

NOTE 6: This entire amount is anticipated to come from user fees, minus a 30% NHDES Aid Grant which equals \$8,500.00. No money to be raised by taxes.

**ARTICLE THREE:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Nine hundred ninety-eight (\$5,998.00) dollars** for the major repair of the 1981 "Rescue/Forest" truck of the Piermont Fire Department.

NOTE: Assuming the approval of these repairs and the continued maintenance program the department has undertaken, it is believed this vehicle will provide a useable duty life of another two-three years. In the event the Town wishes **not** to fund these repairs, the "Rescue" truck will be removed from service permanently at the end of March, 2009 due to its mechanical inability to pass inspection, meet NFPA Standards 1901, 1911 and 1912 (as related to the fire service) and the risk posed to personnel in the operation of the vehicle. This will reduce the department's ability to respond to any emergency calls with only two emergency vehicles without the



additional support equipment and water capacity currently carried by this heavy duty general utility "rescue" vehicle.

The Board of Selectmen RECOMMEND in favor of this article

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the town of Piermont will vote to approve the Piermont Police Department becoming a **FULL TIME** police department beginning April 1, 2009. The department's configuration will be with a full time police chief and up to two additional part time police officers. A budget for 2009 representing the additional cost for this fiscal year is herewith attached for your review and consideration and presented as ARTICLE FIVE.

The Board of Selectman RECOMMEND in favor of this article

ARTICLE FIVE: Assuming the approval of ARTICLE FOUR, this ARTICLE is to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the additional sum of **Twenty seven thousand six hundred forty nine (\$27,649.00) dollars** which will be in addition to the current Police Department budget of \$ 52,957.00 to allow the Piermont Police Department to become a full time department.

REFERENCE: A breakdown of the full time police budget vs. the part time police budget can be found on page 43 of this town report.

The Board of Selectman RECOMMEND in favor of this article

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town of Piermont will compensate the Town Clerk with an hourly wage of between the range of \$15 – 22.00 an hour, plus the usual benefits, if any, normally given to employees of the Town of Piermont, in lieu of all statutory or municipal agent fees. This compensation shall cover all official duties, including those of municipal agent for vehicle registrations, and requires the office to be open to the public no less than fifteen (15) hours per week but not to exceed twenty (20) hours in any one given week. The Town of Piermont requires the Town Clerk a mandatory one week of vacation with pay at a time of convenience acceptable by the Town and the Town Clerk with notification of at least one calendar month prior to the vacation dates. Office hours will be maintained as scheduled via the services of the Assistant Town Clerk during the absence of the Town Clerk.

The Board of Selectmen RECOMMEND in favor of this article

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the town will vote and approve to authorize the appointment as outlined in Section 41:26-e of the New Hampshire RSA rather than the election of a town treasurer. Such appointment shall be made in accordance with RSA 669:17-d by the board of selectmen. Such appointment shall be made in writing



and shall include the compensation to be paid.

REFERENCE: Approval of this warrant will not affect the election of the town treasurer for the term commencing March, 2009. An appointment for this position shall take place at the time of the town meeting that will take place in March of 2010.

The Board of Selectmen RECOMMEND in favor of this article

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote, approve and authorize the sum of \_\_\_\_\_dollars for the purpose of completing the "BEAN BROOK BRIDGE" in a timely, expeditious manner as outlined in agreements and contracts entered into by and between the Town of Piermont and contractors.

This sum represents the cost of the project as outlined in the contract provided from the following contractor as well as the cost of the "Clerk of the Works," names and budget attached. All contracts provided and entered into by the Town of Piermont will meet all necessary requirements as prescribed by the State of New Hampshire, reviewed by town counsel.

CONTRACT:

CLERK OF THE WORKS:

The Board of Selectmen RECOMMEND IN FAVOR of this article

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars** to re-surface a section of CHURCH STREET from "Lover's Lane" to approximately the fire hydrant located next to the property of Arthur James.

REFERENCE: FEMA has approved and granted the Town of Piermont funds to replace the culvert next to the church. As the street is being "torn up" for the FEMA portion of the project it seems appropriate and optimum to resurface this portion of Church Street.

The Board of Selectmen RECOMMEND IN FAVOR of this article

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote, approve and authorize the sum of **Seventy seven thousand nine hundred eighty (\$77,980.00) dollars** for the purpose of replacing the Barton Road Bridge.

REFERENCE: As a point of information, this bridge is on the state's "Red List" and may be subjected to closing by the state DOT at a time of their choosing. The budget material for this project is attached within this document for your review



and consideration.

Steel structure	\$ 31,380.00
Concrete	\$ 23,100.00
Lumber	\$ 6,250.00
Crane	\$ 1,800.00
Excavation	\$13,450.00
Labor	\$ 2,000.00
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	\$ 77,980.00

The Board of Selectmen DOES NOT RECOMMEND this article

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote, approve and authorize under the New Hampshire RSA section 674:5-8, the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) committee, which shall include at least one member of the Planning Board and may include but not be limited to other members of the Planning Board, the Budget Committee (if any), or the town governing body, to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvements projects projected over a period of at least six (6) years. The Capital Improvements Program may encompass major projects being currently undertaken or future projects to be undertaken with federal, state, county and other public funds. The purpose of the town's CIP would be to strengthen the town's ability to forecast the need for various capital improvement projects over a set period of time. The "Plan" would show when, how, and at what cost the town expects to expand and/or maintain its services and facilities in the future taking into account municipal expense and revenue trends, levels of population, and forecasted growth.

This CIP would be established as an ongoing process to be revamped annually to accommodate the dynamic related information concerning future needs or specific costs as they are identified by the community.

Additionally, RSA 674:22 declares that communities which desire to regulate development through the creation of growth management controls must have adopted a Master Plan and enacted a Capital Improvements Program.

The Board of Selectmen RECOMMEND in favor of this article

ARTICLE TWELVE: Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A4-a, I (a) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body?

The Board of Selectman does NOT support this article

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: Shall the town vote to adopt provisions of RSA 36-A: 4-a, I (b) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to



"qualified" organizations for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property.

The Board of Selectman does NOT support this article

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.



Given under our hand and seal of the Town of Piermont this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2009.

Board of Selectman  
Robert J. Lang, Chair  
Mark Fagnant  
Richard Dion

#### RETURN

We hereby attest that the within Warrant is a true copy of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting described therein and further certify that we have caused to be posted an attested copy of Warrant at the place of the Meeting and a like copy at one other public place in the Town of Piermont fourteen days before the day of the Meeting, not counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

Board of Selectman  
Robert J. Lang, Chair  
Mark Fagnant  
Richard Dion

This Warrant and Return of Warrant have been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Piermont, New Hampshire this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2009.

Linda J. Lambert  
Town Clerk



**Summary of 2009 Proposed Budget**  
**With Warrant Articles**  
 (For Informational Purposes Only)

Town Charges	\$825,237.02
Fire Truck Repairs	\$5,998.00
Full Time Police Department	\$27,649.00
Town Clerk	
Church Street	\$20,000.00
Barton Road Bridge	\$77,980.00
Bean Brook Bridge	\$115,000.00

<b>Town Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,071,864.02</b>
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Estimate of County Tax	\$150,000.00
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<b>TOTAL OF TOWN AND COUNTY</b>	<b>\$1,221,864.02</b>
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## MINUTES FOR 2008 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 11, 2008

TOWN OF PIERMONT

Polls opened at 10:00 AM in the old church building voting on Articles for the Town and School official balloting for officers for coming years. Polls closed at 6:30 PM.

Tallying votes was not completed so at 7:30 Moderator proceeded to Piermont Village School to continue Town meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:30. Joe Medlicott moved to not have the Warrant read in full at this time. Seconded by Bill Hamilton and pass by voice vote. Proceeded to recess meeting.

Meeting proceeded at 7:50 with reading of results of voting. All officials were present and sworn in by Moderator Shields. Moderator Shields asked everyone on checklist to come forward and receive ballots in case there is a need for ballot vote latter this would save time.

A motion to give Arnold Shields a standing ovation for all the years he has given, town as a very outstanding moderator. Given with great fanfare.

**ARTICLE ONE:** (By Official Ballot) Results of Official Balloting for the following Town officers:

One Selectman	term of three years	Richard Dion
Road Agent	term of three years	Frank Rodimon
Treasurer	term of one year	James Lambert
Trustee of Trust Funds	term of three years	Fred Shipman
Trustee of Trust Funds	term of one year	Abby Metcalf
Moderator	term of two years	Joyce Tompkins
Two Library Trustees	term of three years	Stephanie Gordon
		Helga Mueller
Supervisor of Checklist	term of six years	Peggy Fullerton

**ARTICLE TWO:** To raise and appropriate \$646,827.00 appearing in the Town Budget as necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year, divided as follows and subject to any adjustment which may be voted upon at this Meeting:

Item	Budgeted Charge
Ambulance, Fire and Police Dispatching	8,611
Auditor Expense	9,500
Cemeteries (see note 1)	11,200
Contingency	2,000
Election/Registration	5,000
Fire Dept. & Fast Squad	38,480
Fire Truck Payment	38,836
Highway Subsidy (see note 3)	32,376
Highways and Bridges-Summer Maintenance	62,800

Highways and Bridges-Winter Maintenance	65,000
Insurance	9,500
Interest	5,000
Legal Expenses	10,000
Library (see note 5)	42,865
Memorial Day	1,500
Miscellaneous	500
Officers Expenses	25,000
Officers Salaries	54,000
Planning Board and Zoning Board of	10,000
Police Dept.	46,684
Public Welfare	15,000
Recreation and Swimming Pool	7,000
Solid Waste Disposal (see note 2)	39,908
Street Lights and Blinker	5,500
Tax Maps	800
Testing Monitoring Wells	11,000
Town Buildings	25,000
Upper Valley Ambulance	10,635
Village Sewer System (Note 4)	34,243
Conservation Committee	2,000
Assessors Pickups	2,500
Revaluation Payment	12,000
Shelving In Safe	2,000
<b>TOTAL TOWN CHARGES</b>	<b>646,438</b>

**Note 1:** Town raises by taxes \$6,800; \$3,500 comes from Cemetery Trust Funds, \$900 comes from user fees and surplus in Operating Account.

**Note 2:** The Town expects to receive \$18,000 from the sale of bags and other charges to offset this cost.

**Note 3:** This amount is received from the State for use by the Highway Department.

**Note 4:** This entire amount is anticipated to come from user fees, with no money raised by taxes. NHDES, -a 30% Aid Grant that equals to \$8,500 per year

**Note 5:** \$9365 from Library Trust Funds and \$33,500 raised with taxes

**Moved by:** Helga Mueller

**Seconded by:** Jean Daley

**Discussion:** Frank Rodimon moves to increase winter budget for roads by \$10,000 to become \$75,000 due to the bad weather we've had so far this winter. Bill Morris seconds amendment. Voice approves amendment for a new total of 656,438.00

Budget passed heard no nays

**ARTICLE THREE:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the benefit of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of New



Hampshire.

**Moved by:** Jean Daley

**Seconded by:** Sam Rounds

**Discussion:** None

Voice passed a few nays

**ARTICLE FOUR:** To see if Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the Woodsville Area Fourth of July Committee.

Moved by: Jean Daley

**Seconded by:** Frank Rodimon

**Discussion:** It was asked what the Town gets out of this article? = We are helping with the July 4th celebration in Woodsville by donating to the Fireworks display.

A show of hands was needed when voice was not clear =Yes-60 No-37 PASSED

**ARTICLE FIVE:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$173,100 to reconstruct  $\pm$  2000 linear feet by 20' wide of Indian Pond Road. The project to begin at the end of pavement (near Hamilton's residence) and proceed north, the scope of work to contain; pulverizing existing pavement, geo textile fabrics, select material, drainage improvements and placements. Placement to consist of 2" compacted base coarse and 1" compacted wear coarse. This Article coincides with the 10-year plan.

The Majority of Selectmen Do Not recommends this Article.

**Moved by:** Frank Rodimon made motioned to pass over article.

**Seconded by:** Fred Shipman

Voice passed to pass over

**ARTICLE SIX:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 to reconstruct  $\pm$  750 linear feet of Indian Pond Road. This project's location is the same as Article Five and is provided to offer a scaled down version of such. If Article Five is approved this Article should be voted down and defeated.

The Majority of Selectmen Do Not recommends this Article.

**Moved by:** Frank Rodimon made motion to pass over Article.

**Seconded by:** Fred Shipman

Voice passed to pass over

**ARTICLE SEVEN:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum

of \$50,000.00 to be paid into a new Barton Road Bridge Expendable Trust Fund. This project coincides with the 10-year plan for a 2011 target date.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

**Moved by:** Frank Rodimon motion to amend article to read "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$54,500.00 to build a new bridge on Barton Road. \$6,300.00 to be raised by taxes and the balance, \$48,201.58 to come from the existing Town Bridge Expendable Trust."

**Seconded by:** Kevin Brown

**Discussion:** Helga Mueller asks why amend this? As it is written we start by putting \$50,000 in a trust fund to build up to 200,000 to complete bridge. Frank is using traditional type of bridge that neighboring towns are using and only cost \$54,000. Why does the board of selectmen not recommend these articles? Bob The project does need to be done but last year the board recommended them and they were all voted in to raise tax rate greatly. So this year they do not want to influence the meeting so we can make up own minds if tax rate increases. Does Frank have room in this figure to do the job? Yes. Shawn Rogers asks if deeds and permits been dealt with in this figure so no more surprises like Bean Brook Bridge? Frank states there is no State money involved and he has help with permits lined up so see no problems. Fred Shipman asks about the alignment of brook is a concern for the bridge. Yes the course of the brook changed by a flood long ago when his dad was road agent and yes this is going to be addressed. Neil Robie asks to see 10 year plan for roads in town not a year-by-year article each year on warrant! Plan is Town Clerks Office for anyone to see; Doug Platt asks if \$54,500 is a guaranteed amount or a guess? Guaranteed. Jean Daley asks what type of bridge are you going to install? It will be concrete abutments and steel I beams with corrugated decking with an asphalt or concrete deck. Guaranteed for 30 years. Helga Mueller asks what does no weight limit mean- 80,000 pounds is no problem. Rob Elder asks if Fred's concern on flow of brook been taken into consideration? Yes.

Amendment voice passed no nays

Article as amended voice PASSED a few nays

**ARTICLE EIGHT:** (Petitioned article) To see if the Town would spend the sum of \$300 to assist the Lake Tarleton Association and Lake Armington Association in their efforts to fund the cost associated with the administration of the NH Department of Environmental Services Lake Host program. The Lake Host Program is involved throughout the State of NH in inspection and intervention activity at public lake landings to detect the presence of invasive, aggressive and harmful aquatic weeds on boat hulls and trailers that could have a seriously negative effect on water quality. The Lake Associations will jointly file a grant request to NH DES in the spring of 2008 for funding the costs of hiring part-time summer help to conduct the inspections at the two public landings adjacent to Route 25C (Lake Tarleton Road). As part of the grant process, the State of NH encourages funding participation by the towns and municipalities that have the participating lakes



within their borders. Both Lake Tarleton Association and Lake Armington Association will also provide volunteers to assist in the inspection activity throughout the summer of 2008. The Lake Host Program has been an extremely effective effort by the State of NH to maintain the excellent water quality in our lakes. The water quality in both Lake Tarleton and Lake Armington is extremely high, and we believe that the Lake Host Program activity will assure that we will continue to protect a valuable resource that all can access and enjoy.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

**Moved by:** Gary Danielson

**Seconded by:** Joe Medlicott

**Discussion:** Helga, speaking for the article, has been a part of this program for 5 years and it's been very helpful in keeping our lakes clean.

Voice passed.

**ARTICLE NINE:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,160 for the Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire.

**Moved by:** Keith Brick

**Seconded by:** Abigail Underhill

**Discussion:** None Voice passed

**ARTICLE TEN:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$878.00 for the White Mountain Mental Health Center.

**Moved by:** Gary Danielson

**Seconded by:** Barbara Fitzpatrick

**Discussion:** None

Voice passed no nays

**ARTICLE ELEVEN:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,050 for the support of the Community Action Outreach Program.

**Moved by:** Fred Shipman

**Seconded by:** Meg Cleaves

**Discussion:** None

Voice passed a few nays

**ARTICLE TWELVE:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300 for the Grafton Senior Citizen Council.

**Moved by:** Marian Shields

**Seconded by:** Suzanne Woodard

**Discussion:** None

Voice passed

**ARTICLE THIRTEEN:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$362 to be paid to the Lower Cohase Communication Committee to maintain a web site to promote Haverhill and Piermont, New Hampshire and Bradford and Newbury, Vermont.

**Moved by:** Abigail Underhill

**Seconded by:** Abby Metcalf

**Discussion:** None

Voice passed

**ARTICLE FOURTEEN:**

*"To see if the Town will vote to hold an adjourned session of the Annual Town Meeting on \_\_\_\_\_ [insert time and date chosen to allow for holding a properly-noticed planning board hearing 5 weeks in advance] for the purpose of taking action on a petitioned article calling for the repeal of the Town of Piermont Zoning Ordinance. Due to a mistake, the Planning Board did not become aware of this properly-submitted petition in time to schedule the public hearings required in order to include this **question on** the March 11 ballot. "*

**Moved by:** Jean Daly made motion to pass over article

**Seconded by:** Bill Morris

**Discussion:**

Voice passed to pass over a few Nays

**ARTICLE FIFTEEN:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,351 to install a generator that will produce 230 Amps of power to supply stand-by power for the Town's Emergency Shelter, which is the Piermont Village School. (State will issue a 50% grant.)

The Selectmen recommend this Article

**Moved by:** Abby Metcalf

**Seconded by:** Abigail Underhill

**Discussion:** Meg Cleaves asks for clarification- State provides \$20,000 of this total amount? Yes. Wil Priestly asks why a new propane tank. Wayne Godfrey states that a 500-gallon tank and piping is figured in this price (\$2,900). Code requires separate supply to the emergency tank. Neil asks why we need emergency shelter at all? The town can open up homes to neighbors for a lot less than \$20,000. What is yearly upkeep for the system? \$600-700 to maintain. Shawn Rogers stated the school board is in favor of this article.



Hand counts Yes 55 No 53

Recount requested Stand to be counted Yes 60 No 55      Passed

**ARTICLE SIXTEEN:** To raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to go into the Recreational Facility Expendable Trust. (The facility would house a tennis court, basketball court, and various court games. Committee was given a cost of approximately \$75,000 in 2007).

The Selectmen recommend this Article

**Moved by:** Jean Underhill

**Seconded by:** Abigail Underhill

**Discussion:** Where would these courts be located? Not finalized but near softball field. Would these be opened to public or just school? Community. As an Expendable Trust Fund can this be used anywhere if decide against building in future? All needed is a vote of select board with a hearing to spend this trust need town meeting to change purpose.

Voice passed

**ARTICLE SEVENTEEN:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Town of Piermont Bean Brook Bridge Expendable Trust Fund that was created in 2000 to accumulate funds for Bean Brook Bridge reconstruction project and liquidated by vote of the Selectman after a hearing in February, 2007 with the proceeds going to the Town Treasurer in October, 2007. NOTE: There has been a zero balance in this account since October 16, 2007. This is a housekeeping article to satisfy State-reporting requirements.

The Selectmen recommend this Article

**Moved by:** Frank Rodimon

**Seconded by:** Fred Shipman

**Discussion:** None

Voice passed

**ARTICLE EIGHTEEN:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Town of Piermont Sewage District Expendable Trust Fund that was created in 1988 to act as a depository for surplus Sewer funds and liquidated by a vote of the Selectmen after a hearing in February, 1999 with the proceeds going to the Town Treasurer in March, 1999. NOTE: There has been a zero balance in this account since March 3, 1999. This is a housekeeping article to satisfy State-reporting requirements.

The Selectmen recommend this Article

**Moved by:** Jean Daley

**Seconded by:** Gary Danielson

**Discussion:** None

Voice passed

**ARTICLE NINETEEN:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be paid into the Town Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Article

**Moved by:** Fred Shipman

**Seconded by:** Steven Rounds

**Discussion:** Frank Rodimon would like to amend article to \$10,000 because the grader is 20 years old and might need replacement soon. Steven Rounds seconds amendment Voice failed on amendment. Clarification on this article- Article 19 Trust fund is for town equipment and article 21 trust fund is for emergency equipment can we vote to use both funds as one fund if need be for any equipment - yes at a town meeting vote.

Voice passed article

**ARTICLE TWENTY:** 'To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be paid into the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Article

**Moved by:** Jean Daley

**Seconded by:** Fred Shipman

**Discussion:** Is this article being used in earlier article for Barton Road- Yes We are starting over with this deposit for future bridge repair.

Voice passed a few nays

**ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be paid into Town Fire and Emergency Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

**Moved by:** Marian Shields

**Seconded by:** Joe Medlicott

**Discussion:**

Voice passed few nays

**ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be paid into the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund.



The Selectmen recommend this Article

**Moved by:** Fred Shipman

**Seconded by:** Abigail Underhill

**Discussion:** Steven Rounds asks what is this article for? Every 5 years the State requires each town to have a revaluation. This fund is in case our numbers with the state are so out of order that they can require an immediate revaluation in full right then with no vote of the town. This fund is in case it is needed and is there for the expense. To date, we are okay with our numbers.

Voice passed

**ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed \$3,000 to be paid into the Town Recycling Center/Transfer Station Expendable Trust, these funds to come from anticipated revenue raised from recycling and not to be raised from taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this Article

**Moved by:** Abigail Underhill

**Seconded by:** Joe Medlicott

**Discussion:** None

Voice Passed

**ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

- Keith Brick as Fire Chief thanked the community for attending their open house and the raffle winner was Bill Hamilton for the mirror.
- Again Arnold Shields was given a standing ovation for his service to the town.
- Wil Priestly asked if the select board had any pull for the road conditions in town. Speak to the State or something? All we can do is go to their hearings for their 10-year planning on roadwork. All we can do as town body is give select board a sense of the meeting to contact State with our concerns. If we go as a town we might have more pull than as individually.
- Fred Shipman asks sense of meeting for any interest to have an interactive web site for the town. Good response
- Shawn Rogers asks a round of applause for Chris Davidson for his service to the Town.
- Fred Shipman thanked Bill Daley for his time as selectman.
- Ellen Putnam asks for a moment of silence for those who have passed on this year.

Moved to adjourned by Marian Shields

Seconded by Fred Shipman

Voice passed  
Adjourned at 9:15

*Linda Lambert*  
Town Clerk

*Robert J. Sang*  
Chairman of Select Board



*Library Trustee Helga Mueller introduces Colonel Eleanor Spiller during library program.*



## Summary of Inventory Valuation – 2008

Land		
	Current Use (at C.U. Values)	\$1,319,799.00
	Conservation Restrictions	\$253,628.00
	Residential	\$32,030,675.00
	Commercial/Industrial	\$1,967,750.00
Buildings		
	Residential	\$50,295,830.00
	Manufactured Housing	\$768,950.00
	Commercial/Industrial	\$4,580,120.00
Public Utilities		
	Electric (includes Phone-no land)	\$907,230.00
<b>Valuation Before Exemptions</b>		<b>\$92,123,982.00</b>
	Elderly Exemptions	\$450,000.00
	Solar Exemption	\$6,950.00
	Blind Exemptions	\$0.00
<b>Total Exemptions</b>		<b>\$456,950.00</b>
<b>Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is computed</b>		
Utilities		
	Central Vermont Public Service	\$1,055.00
	New England Power Company	\$228,904.00
	New Hampshire Electric Co-op	\$463,723.00
	Evans Evans and Evans	\$116,978.00
	Public Service of New Hampshire	\$96,571.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$907,231.00</b>



*Piermont veterans and youth baseball teams proudly marched in the Memorial Day Parade.*

# Statement of Appropriations and Tax Rate – 2008

## DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION Municipal Services Division 2008 Tax Rate Calculation

### TOWN/CITY: PIERMONT

Gross Appropriations	738,839
Less: Revenues	314,887
Less: Shared Revenues	2,371
Add: Overlay	2,913
War Service Credits	24,200

*Barbara J. Roberts*  
12/16/08

Net Town Appropriation	448,694
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	448,694
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**TOWN RATE**  
4.89

### SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	1,717,407
Regional School Apportionment	0
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(430,865)

State Education Taxes	(192,944)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	1,093,598

**LOCAL  
SCHOOL RATE**  
11.93

### STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x	\$2.14
90,160,747	192,944
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)	
90,759,802	
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State	
Pay to State →	0

**STATE  
SCHOOL RATE**  
2.13

### COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	145,788
Less: Shared Revenues	(1,032)

Approved County Tax Effort	144,756
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**COUNTY RATE**  
1.58

**TOTAL RATE**  
20.53

Total Property Taxes Assessed	1,879,992
Less: War Service Credits	(24,200)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>1,855,792</b>

### PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	2.13	192,944
All Other Taxes	18.40	1,687,048
		1,879,992

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## Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

Category	Article	Appropriation	Expenditure
Town Officers Salaries	2	\$54,000.00	\$55,004.43
Town Officers Expense	2	\$25,000.00	\$30,044.30
Auditor Expense	2	\$9,500.00	\$4,293.75
Election and Registration Expense	2	\$5,000.00	\$6,144.72
Expenses of Town Buildings	2	\$25,000.00	\$30,695.57
Police Department	2	\$46,684.00	\$47,005.35
Fire Department	2	\$38,480.00	\$36,973.04
Fire Truck Payment	2	\$38,836.00	\$38,593.57
Planning and Zoning	2	\$10,000.00	\$16,825.22
Insurance	2	\$9,500.00	\$10,810.06
Update Tax Map	2	\$800.00	\$0.00
Solid Waste Disposal	2	\$39,908.00	\$33,406.52
Dispatch Services	2	\$8,611.00	\$8,616.76
UVA, Inc.	2	\$10,635.00	\$10,635.00
Highways and Bridges	2	\$137,800.00	\$198,276.83
Highway Subsidy	2	\$32,376.00	\$32,387.29
Street Lighting	2	\$5,500.00	\$5,579.04
Library	2	\$42,865.00	\$33,500.00
Welfare	2	\$15,000.00	\$14,286.94
Village Sewer District	2	\$34,243.00	\$36,396.72
Memorial Day	2	\$1,500.00	\$442.00
Recreation Field and Swimming Pool	2	\$7,000.00	\$8,040.22
Cemeteries	2	\$11,200.00	\$6,800.00
Contingency Fund	2	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Legal Expenses	2	\$10,000.00	\$7,088.53
Testing Monitoring Wells	2	\$11,000.00	\$9,082.00
Misc. Unanticipated Expenses	2	\$500.00	\$0.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	2	\$5,000.00	\$164.21
Conservation Committee	2	\$2,000.00	\$2,101.20
Assessor Pickups	2	\$2,500.00	\$4,415.70
Revaluation	2	\$12,000.00	\$15,122.50
Shelving in Safe	2	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Town Charges</b>		<b>\$656,438.00</b>	<b>\$702,731.47</b>
CASA	3	\$500.00	\$0.00
Woodsville 4th of July	4	\$500.00	\$500.00
Environmental Services Lake Host Program	8	\$300.00	\$262.50
VNAVTH	9	\$3,160.00	\$3,160.00
White Mountain Mental Health	10	\$878.00	\$878.00
Communtiy Action	11	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00
Grafton Senior Citizens	12	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
Lower Cohase	13	\$362.00	\$362.00
Emergency Shelter Generator	15	\$41,351.00	\$0.00
Expendable Trust Funds	16,23	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Capital Reserves	19,20,21,22	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
<b>Total Warrant Articles</b>		<b>\$82,401.00</b>	<b>\$40,512.50</b>
<b>Total Taxes Paid to County</b>		<b>\$115,285.00</b>	<b>\$145,788.00</b>
<b>Total Appropriations and Expenditures</b>		<b>\$854,124.00</b>	<b>\$889,031.97</b>

## Town Payroll Expense

Employee	Department	Salary
Cory Austin	Fire Department	\$337.64
Elizabeth Bayne	Bookkeeper	\$3,081.25
Roy Belyea	Fire Department	\$225.55
Katy Blaine	Deputy Town Clerk	\$2,899.53
Keith Brick	Fire Department	\$1,898.67
Greg Collins	Police Department	\$8,603.00
Greg Collins	Fire Department	\$509.23
Jennifer Collins	Assistant to Board	\$4,177.92
William Daley	Selectman	\$500.00
Steven Daly	Fire Department	\$294.13
Richard Dion	Fire Department	\$905.46
Richard Dion	Selectman	\$1,575.00
Randy Dunbar	Recycling	\$429.00
Camden Elliot	Police Department	\$3,946.50
Mark Fagnant	Selectman	\$2,075.00
Robert Garvin	Police Department	\$16,289.50
Linda Godfrey	Recycling	\$606.00
Wayne Godfrey	Recycling	\$4,634.03
Wayne Godfrey	Animal Control	\$937.87
Dana Hartley	Fire Department	\$636.68
Bruce Henry	Fire Department	\$568.28
Austin Hogan	Fire Department	\$628.97
Jeffrey Huntington	Fire Department	\$301.35
Lisa Knapton	Assistant to Board	\$150.00
James Lambert	Treasurer	\$5,100.00
Linda Lambert	Town Clerk	\$18,343.00
Linda Lambert	Tax Collector	\$9,142.00
Linda Lambert	Municipal Agent	\$2,349.00
Linda Lambert	Assistant to Board	\$2,000.00
Jonathan Lang	Town Grounds	\$240.00
Robert Lang	Selectman	\$2,575.00
James Mauchly	Fire Department	\$453.20
Abby Metcalf	Recycling	\$308.20
John Metcalf	Recycling	\$2,211.18
John Metcalf	Town Grounds	\$758.00
John Metcalf	Recreational	\$1,102.50
Michelle Metcalf	Fire Department	\$697.84
Helga Mueller	Board Secretary	\$1,605.00
Matt Prince	Fire Department	\$432.65
Glen Putnam	Fire Department	\$369.56
James Putnam	Fire Department	\$100.77
Aaron Rich	Fire Department	\$561.65
Terry Robie	Zoning Administrator	\$1,000.00
Fred Shipman	Trustee	\$400.00
Rick Stygles	Recycling	\$2,296.75
Shane Stygles	Fire Department	\$60.77
Suzanne Woodard	Deputy Tax Collector	\$108.00
Karl Yaeger	Fire Department	\$275.37
<b>Total Town Payroll</b>		<b>\$108,701.00</b>
Library Payroll	15	\$23,816.00
Ore Hill Excavation	16,23	\$88,199.93
C.M. Davidson	19,20,21,22	\$75,706.50
<b>Total Other Payroll</b>		<b>\$187,722.43</b>
<b>Total Payroll</b>		<b>\$296,423.43</b>



# Department of Revenue Administration Letter

## Disallowing 2008 Warrant Article 7



ADMINISTRATION  
G. Philip Blatsos  
Commissioner  
  
Margaret L. Fulton  
Assistant Commissioner

### State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

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Telephone (603) 271-3397  
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MUNICIPAL SERVICES  
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Director  
  
Donald Borrer  
Assistant Director

RECEIVED SEP 02 2008

August 27, 2008

Town of Piermont  
Office of Selectmen  
PO Box 67  
Piermont NH 03779

Dear Governing Body:

The Municipal Services Division is required by RSA 21-J:35 to review all appropriations and revenues to determine whether these appropriations have been voted according to the applicable statutes. During this review, we discovered the following problem:

DOCUMENT: Posted warrant and minutes from the March 2008 town meeting.

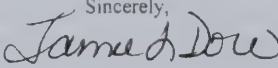
PROBLEM: We are disallowing the \$54,500 appropriation in warrant article 7 because the purpose was changed from an appropriation to fund a capital reserve fund to the purpose of building a bridge. Warrant article 7 was warned to the voters as follows: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be paid into a new Barton Road Bridge Expendable Trust Fund. This project coincides with the 10-year plan for a 2011 target date". The article was amended at the annual meeting to read, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,500 to build a new bridge on Barton Road. \$6,300 to be raised by taxes and the balance, \$48,201.58 to come from the existing Town Bridge Expendable Trust Fund."

RSA 39:2 states in part, "*The subject matter of all business to be acted upon at the town meeting shall be distinctly stated in the warrant, and nothing done at the meeting, except the election of any town officer required by law to be made at such meeting, shall be valid unless the subject is so stated...*" Therefore, it is therefore necessary to disallow article 7.

SUGGESTION: Since the Selectmen are agents on the Bridge CRF, they can expend from the fund for that purpose without an appropriation. Another solution would be to place an article to appropriate funds to build the new bridge on the next annual meeting warrant.

The adjusted total appropriations figure for 2008 year is \$738,839.

Please feel free to contact us at 271-8228 if you have any questions or concerns

Sincerely,  
  
Jamie L. Dow  
Municipal Accounts Auditor

TDD Access Relay NH 1-800-735-2964

Individuals who need auxiliary aids for effective communication in programs and services of the Department of Revenue Administration are invited to make their needs and preferences known to the Municipal Services Division

## Schedule of Town Property

Buildings	
Selectman/Library, Fire Dept., Highway Garage	\$259,540.00
Furniture and Equipment	\$20,000.00
Land	
Selectman/Library, Fire Dept., Highway Garage	\$284,250.00
Equipment - Fire Department	\$430,000.00
Old Church, Lands and Buildings	\$355,210.00
Bean Brook Road Land	\$56,830.00
Highway Equipment	\$94,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	\$36,810.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	\$961,810.00
Cemeteries	\$37,740.00
Piermont Sewage District Land	\$37,740.00
Fire Ponds	\$40,950.00
Connecticut River Lot (School Lot)	\$82,000.00
Sarah Moore Lot	\$40,000.00
Open Space Lot (Glebe Lot)	\$111,280.00
Equipment - Police Department	\$30,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,878,160.00</b>



*Chatting at Town Meeting are, L-R; Russell Woodard, Ellen and Bill Simpson.*



## **Board of Selectmen 2008 Annual Report**

The year 2008 has been a complex and challenging year for the Board. Many hours have been put in to try and meet the “challenges” presented to the Board. I believe when “all is said and done” the Piermont Community will be better prepared to handle the political and economic issues being presented to the community and Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen for the last two years has been “unhappy” in the final results that ended up in the Town Report. It has been the goal of the Board to present to you a product that is meaningful and accurately presents the budget and its supporting data. To this end, I believe we have done that. This has been achieved by the efforts of Mr. Bernie Marvin who took on this challenge after accepting this endeavor from the Board Meeting of September 16, 2008. The Board put the Town Report out to bid. Tuck Press of Woodsville, NH was awarded this bid on January 6, 2009 for \$2,608.00.

On August 13, 2008 the Board of Selectmen received a letter of concerns from a group of concerned citizens. Many of these concerns were being worked on internally by the Board for many months. The Board answered these concerns to the Board Meeting of September 16, 2008. We as a Board invite public input and dialogue, but wish it to be void of emotional issues and/or private agendas.

Another area the Board has spent much time trying to develop is that of “Policy and Procedures”. Much of this had never been formally developed in written form and accepted by the Board. In many of the yearly reports from our former Town Auditors, Plodzick and Sanderson, they have noted in their “Independent Auditor’s Report” that the town lacks and approved Investment Policy. The Board approved said policy on January 6, 2009.

At the Board Meeting of November 11, 2008, the Board approved a new “Emergency Management Plan” that had been revised by a town committee under the direction of Wayne Godfrey the Town Emergency Management Director.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge publically the tremendous time and efforts put in this year by my fellow board members. Richard Dion has spent incredible time on town affairs well beyond what is expected. Without his efforts the town never would have been awarded \$110,729.00 from FEMA for the town disaster of August 7, 2008. Another area that he has put countless hours in is developing an accounting policy and procedure augmented by new software that better reflects the town finances. Rich, thank-you, the community will see the “fruit of your labors” this year 2009. Thank-you Ora, Rich’s wife for supporting his time and efforts to accomplish this.

Mark Fagnant’s expertise on bridges has been an invaluable resource on the Boards attempt to bring closure to the Bean Brook Bridge saga. Thank-you Mark.

Thank-you citizens of Piermont for your patience. I believe collectively we can solve our present issues and be better prepared to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Lang

Chairman, Board of Selectmen



*Piermont Selectmen and staff include, front, L-R: Recording Secretary Helga Mueller, Chair Robert Lang, and Executive Assistant Jennifer Collins. Back row, L-R: Richard Dion and Mark Fagnant.*



### Town Officers Salary Expense - 2009 Proposed Budget

Category	Amount	Comments
Board Chair	\$2,600.00	
Selectmen	\$2,100.00	
Selectmen	\$2,100.00	
Town Treasurer	\$4,500.00	
Town Clerk	\$22,360.00	
Deputy Town Clerk	\$6,760.00	
Town Tax Collector	\$9,510.21	
Deputy Tax Collector	\$2,028.00	
Zoning Administrator	\$1,000.00	
<b>2009 Budget Total</b>	<b>\$52,958.21</b>	

### Town Administrative Personnel Salary Expense - 2009 Proposed Budget

Category	Amount	Comments
Bookkeeper	\$4,500.00	
Administrative Assistant	\$12,740.00	
<b>2009 Budget Total</b>	<b>\$17,240.00</b>	

### Town Offices Expense - 2009 Propose Budget

Category	Amount	Comments
General Town Office Expenses	\$28,100.00	
Town Clerk Office Expenses	\$10,292.00	
Tax Collector Office Expenses	\$5,813.00	
<b>2009 Budget Total</b>	<b>\$44,205.00</b>	

### Town Auditor Expense – 2009 Proposed Budget

Category	Amount	Comments
2007 Review	\$6,000.00	
2008 Audit	\$12,000.00	
2008 Treasurer Audit	\$5,000.00	
<b>2009 Budget Total</b>	<b>\$23,000.00</b>	

### Town Building Expense – 2009 Proposed Budget

Category	Amount	Comments
Utilities (Heat/Power)	\$6,500.00	
Telephone	\$3,500.00	
General Maintenance	\$2,100.00	
Sewer	\$2,000.00	
<b>2009 Budget Total</b>		<b>\$14,100.00</b>

### Town Miscellaneous Expense – 2009 Proposed Budget

Category	Amount	Comments
Well Monitoring	\$9,500.00	
Memorial Day	\$1,000.00	
Tax Maps	\$800.00	
Preservation/Upkeep of Town Records	\$3,000.00	
Legal Expenses (estimate) - Total Town	\$25,000.00	
<b>2009 Budget Total</b>		<b>\$39,300.00</b>



## Tax Collector's 2008 Annual Report

Uncollected taxes Beginning of year		
Property Taxes		\$247,822.99
Resident Taxes		\$990.00
Utilities		\$2,964.75
Elderly Deferrals		\$7,775.80

Revenues Committed This Year		
Property Taxes	\$905,600.82	
Resident Taxes	\$4,400.00	
Land Use Charges	\$1,035.00	
Yield Taxes	\$9,559.87	
Excavation Taxes	\$42.20	
Utilities	\$13,662.25	

Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	\$2,225.06	\$6,343.29
Penalties Collected	\$50.00	\$615.79
Cost before Lien	\$20.00	\$1,176.75
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$936,595.20</b>	<b>\$267,689.37</b>

### CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes	\$906,242.37	\$196,087.61
Elderly Deferrals		\$7,775.80
Resident Taxes	\$3,277.00	\$830.00
Land Use Change	\$1,035.00	
Yield Taxes	\$10,300.48	
Excavation Taxes	\$42.20	
Utilities	\$12,884.25	\$2,964.75
Interest	\$2,225.43	\$7,520.04
Penalties	\$50.00	\$615.79
Conversion to Lien		\$49,946.14
Overpayments		\$283.40

Abatements Made		
Property Taxes		\$1,525.90
Resident Taxes		\$60.00

Uncollected Rev Year End		
Property Taxes	(\$641.55)	
Resident Taxes	\$1,123.00	\$60.00
Yield Taxes	(\$740.61)	
Utilities	\$778.00	
Interest	\$19.63	\$19.94
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$936,595.20</b>	<b>\$267,689.37</b>

### **TAX SALE/LIEN ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES**

Unredeemed Taxes-Bal at beg of Fiscal Year	\$40,140.86
Liens Sold or Executed During Fiscal Year	\$49,946.14
Interest Collected After Execution	\$6,497.62
	<b>\$96,584.62</b>

### **CREDITS**

Remittance to Treasurer:	\$37,596.56
Interest Collected	\$6,497.62
Unredeemed Taxes on Initial Lien	\$52,490.44
	<b>\$96,584.62</b>



*Jean Daley at Annual Town Meeting*



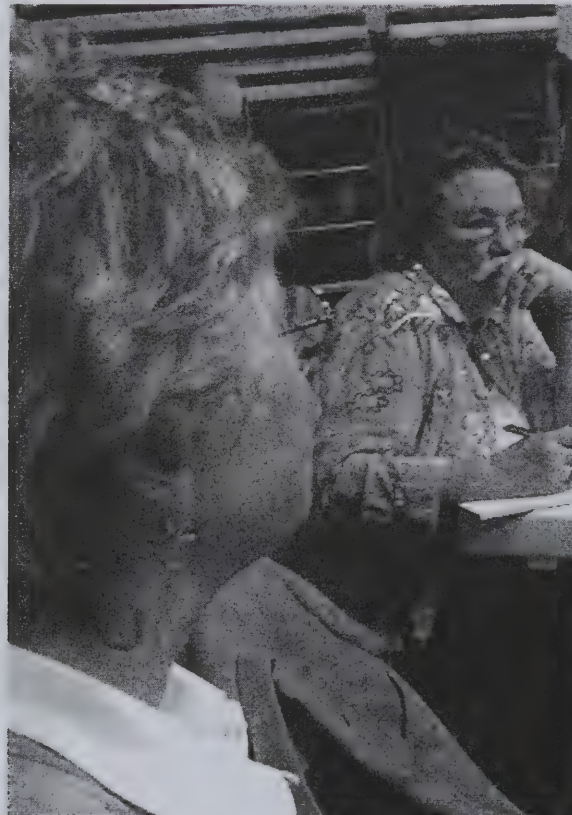
## **Town Clerk 2008 Annual Report**

Submitted to the Treasurer

Motor Vehicle Registrations (1147)	\$119,768.00
Motor Vehicles Titles (158)	\$316.00
Dog Licenses (217)	\$1,624.50
Dog Fines	\$254.50
Other (Copies, Regulations, Permits, Etc.)	\$274.14
State Sticker Fees	\$2,886.00
Vital Records	\$357.00
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	\$125,480.14

REMINDER\*\*\*\*\* All dogs over 4 months old must be licensed.

2009 Tags are in but you do need proof of rabies to license them. All must be licensed by April 15, 2009.



*Town Clerk Linda Lambert and Moderator Joyce Tompkins at Annual Town Meeting*

## Treasurer 2008 Annual Report

### TAX CURRENT YEAR

PROPERTY 3110		\$899,838.99
RESIDENT 3180		\$3,267.00
YIELD 3185		\$8,582.89
GRAVEL TAX 3187		\$42.20
IN LIEU OF TAXES 3186		\$0.00
INTEREST & PENALTIES 3190		\$3,360.40

### TAXES PRIOR YEARS

PROPERTY 3110		\$250,590.06
RESIDENT 3180		\$830.00
YIELD 3185		\$1,717.59
CURRENT USE 3120		\$1,035.00
INTEREST & PENALTIES 3190		\$7,647.04
REDEMPTIONS 3110		\$38,974.51
REDEMPTIONS INTEREST 3110		\$5,119.67

STATE & FEDERAL		
REVENUE DISTRIBUTION 3351		\$7,854.00
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT 3352		\$32,266.16
FORESTY 3356		\$5,125.00
ROOM & MEALS 3352		\$32,594.36
FEMA INCOME 3319		\$59,592.48

OTHER SOURCES		
RENT OF TOWN PROPERTY 3503		\$750.00
MOTOR VEHICLE & TITLES 3220		\$120,084.00
M A FEES 3290		\$2,886.00
VITAL RECORDS 3290		\$357.00
DOG LICENSES & FINES 3290		\$1,879.00
PAY TO THROW 3404		\$19,017.85
RECYCLING 3404		\$3,697.59
TRUST FUND 3502		\$26,384.89
PLANNING BOARD FEES 3290		\$175.72
ZONING 3290		\$284.00
BUILDING PERMITS 3230		\$125.00
INTEREST INCOME 3502		\$4,052.70
ELECTRIC (LIBRARY) 3405		\$696.53
INSURANCE REBATE 3506		\$896.00
GRANT RECEIVED 3509		\$6,325.00
JUDICIAL BRANCH OF NH 3359		\$1,500.00
ELDERLY LIEN AND PENALTY 3190		\$8,164.59
OTHER 3409		\$816.38

TOTAL RECEIPTS		1,556,529.60
SHORT TERM NOTE 3509		\$310,000.00
BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/08		328,397.86
TOTAL		2,194,927.46
LESS EXPENDITURES		2,129,480.56
BALANCE 12-31-06		65,446.90

INVESTED WITH WACHOVIA		\$535.12
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## **Road Agent 2008 Annual Report**

2008 was another year of unsettled weather. It went down as the wettest year on record, (Global Warming?). We had two states of emergencies declared; one for the flood in August and another in December for the ice storm. Fortunately, FEMA has granted the town money for reimbursement to cover some of our expenses during these events and money to do some infrastructure improvements in town.

I look forward to serving the town in the years ahead.

Sincerely,  
Frank Rodimon



*Road Agent Frank Rodimon speaks at Annual Town Meeting*

## Road Agent 2009 Proposed Budget

Category	Amount	Comments
Ore Hill Excavation - Plowing	\$48,000.00	16 weeks @ \$3,000/wk
Ore Hill Excavation - Loader Rental	\$12,500.00	5 months @ \$2,500/mo
Ore Hill Excavation - Labor and Equipment	\$32,000.00	
<b>Ore Hill Excavation Subtotal</b>	<b>\$92,500.00</b>	
Materials - Salt	\$10,500.00	150 tons @ \$70.00/ton
Materials - Sand	\$2,600.00	400 yds @ \$6.50/yd
Materials - Fuel	\$2,800.00	
Materials - Gravel	\$10,200.00	1200 yds @ \$8.50/yd
Materials - Ledge Products	\$2,000.00	140 yds @
<b>Materials Subtotal</b>	<b>\$28,100.00</b>	
Misc - Dust Control	\$5,500.00	
Misc - Mowing	\$4,500.00	
Misc - Grader Repair and Maintenance	\$3,500.00	
<b>Misc Subtotal</b>	<b>\$13,500.00</b>	
<b>2009 Budget Total</b>	<b>\$134,100.00</b>	
<b>Additional Funding for Highway Project</b>		
FEMA	\$76,781.46	
Highway Grant Funds (Already Received)	\$6,452.65	
Highway Grant Funds (Anticipated)	\$12,905.24	
Highway Grant Funds (Possible)	\$12,905.32	
<b>Total Additional Highway Funding</b>	<b>\$109,044.67</b>	
	<b>\$243,144.67</b>	

**\*\* Please note: Per the request of the road agent, there will be no distinction between "winter" and "summer" budgets**



## **Police Department 2008 Annual Report**

The past year has been busy for the police department with active patrols including increased visibility on town roads and speed control with radar monitoring. Police activity calls increased from 535 in 2007 to 866 in 2008, a 61% increase. Community events initiated were the Child ID Day and bicycle helmets distributed to the children of the Piermont School purchased with a grant obtained by the department.

Officer certification has been completed in DWI and field sobriety testing. Department updates included the Car 54 project which installed new lights, equipment and updates to our department cruiser through a grant from Home Land Security. A dedicated phone line has been added to the police department for incoming calls for service and magnets with the department's contact information have been distributed to the community.

We wish to extend our congratulations to Officer Greg Collins who has acquired a full time position with the Haverhill Police Department and will return to Piermont as a part time officer upon completion of his training. Officer Camden Elliott has become a full time officer for the Town of Campton. We wish both officers success in their endeavors and are proud that they continue to advance in their careers.

Overall it has been a very successful year and we look forward to the maintenance of an honest, hardworking and dependable department. We are submitting a full-time budget for 2009 so that we can continue to develop strong community relations and be an asset to the town and its residents. It is our intent to continue to expand our services to include child safety programs, community outreach and 24-hour department coverage with officers residing locally to respond promptly to all calls for service.

We would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Piermont Fire Department and Fast Squad and Troop F of the NH State Police for their continued assistance and support.

The Piermont Police Department would like to extend its gratitude to the citizens of Piermont for their support and involvement with the department. It is an honor to continue to serve this town and its residents.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert F. Garvin  
Chief of Police

## Police Department 2009 Proposed Budget

Category	Full-Time Budget	Part-Time Budget
Chief	\$40,860.00	\$18,200.00
Part Time Officer	\$7,887.00	\$14,560.00
FICA	\$3,899.76	\$2,723.00
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$52,646.76</b>	<b>\$35,483.00</b>
Medical/Dental (chief)	\$5,370.00	\$0.00
Police Retirement Fund	\$4,605.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>\$9,975.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Training	\$560.00	\$910.00
Firearms Training	\$224.00	\$364.00
Prosecution	\$5,100.00	\$5,100.00
Crime-Star/Computer Support	\$250.00	\$250.00
Medical (Part-Time)	\$50.00	\$50.00
Gasoline	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
Cruiser Maintenance	\$700.00	\$700.00
New/Replacement Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Books/Periodicals	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Dues/Workshops	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Uniforms	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Telephone/Internet	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00
Cell Phones/Pagers	\$700.00	\$700.00
Firearms/Equipment	\$800.00	\$800.00
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$500.00
Community Service Supplies	\$200.00	\$200.00
<b>Total Operational</b>	<b>\$17,984.00</b>	<b>\$17,474.00</b>
<b>2009 Budget Total</b>	<b>\$80,605.76</b>	<b>\$52,957.00</b>

\$ Difference Between Full-Time & Part-Time Budgets for 2009 \$27,648.76

Note: The 2010 budget request, as related to payroll/benefits for that year, assuming a full time police department, **might** be as follows:

Chief	\$48,412.00
Part-Time Office	\$7,280.00
Part-Time Office	\$7,280.00
Healthcare	\$5,370.00
FICA	\$5,038.00
Police Retirement	\$4,605.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$77,985.00</b>



## **Fire Department 2008 Annual Report**

This year we responded to a record number of incidents [52] we had 7 mutual aid coverage calls, 4 structure fires, 5 false alarms, 12 motor vehicle accidents, 1 flooded basement, 1 structure collapse due to snow overload, 3 illegal burns, 2 grass fires, 1 forest fire, 3 chimney fires, 1 flood and 9 misc. calls. The weather generated several calls for us this year with the wind taking out the power several times we worked very hard to check on every one anyone with suggestions on how we could better serve in these situations lets us know.

On a good note we had a couple of our junior members come of age and join our team they were Karl Yaeger and Tom Metcalf we look forward to working with these two young men. We still have one spot open for membership we have a lot of training planned for the year, if anyone is interested let us know soon.

Our membership is about 50% state certified now with our goal being above 70 % this year and 100% by the end of 2010.

This year we have put forward a warrant article for repair to our rescue truck it needs springs, tires and other various repairs to be safe for our crew. It reflects about \$1500 of repairs we have already done. With these repairs we can get at least five or more years out of this truck. Replacement cost would run \$60,000 to \$70,000.

We look forward to 2009 and its challenges. Please remember we are only a call away.

Last, but not least, thank-you to the people of Piermont for all of your support.

Respectfully Submitted  
Keith Brick Fire Chief

## **Fast Squad 2008 Annual Report**

In the year 2008 the Piermont FAST responded to 40 calls in town. Many of these calls were medical, some were for traffic collisions, and one was for a forest fire on Peaked Mountain. We are often assisted by our Firefighters and Piermont Police, and are gratified by that support. Piermont has a long history of being a helpful, friendly community, and it is proven by the support we receive as we respond to emergencies within our town.

We were pleased to assist the Village School and Four Corners Store in training staff in CPR, which will better enable each facility to respond effectively with their AEDs if needed. We held regular trainings in house, and also attended those offered elsewhere in order to remain current in our required educational and certification standards. We are committed to continuing to train with the Fire Department in ways that allow us to be effective and safe as a team on scenes.

We have been less effective than we wish in welcoming new members to our squad. We currently have four members, Barbara Fitzpatrick, EMT-B, Dana Hartley, EMT-B, who is also a career firefighter, Alex Medlicott, EMT-B, and Ellen Putnam, EMT-I. We make ourselves as available as we can, but there are times when no one is in town and we rely on mutual aid. We believe it is always better to have a familiar face arrive first at an emergency, and we would be delighted to hear from anyone who has an interest in joining us. We will help with finding a training course, and will pay for it upon completion, when the successful EMT joins our squad. Please consider becoming a well-trained volunteer for your town's EMS system! The rewards can be great!

We are keeping our budget level this year, primarily using it for maintaining our supplies and equipment, purchasing new equipment and reimbursing for any training costs.

Once again, we would encourage our citizens to consider purchasing a subscription to Upper Valley Ambulance. This subscription for \$40 annually covers everyone living in your home if they require emergency transport by Upper Valley Ambulance. Any costs associated with that transport which are not covered by any insurance you might have are written off by the ambulance service. This is a great way to avoid having financial issues influence your decision-making in an emergency situation. We can help you to obtain a form, or you can call the office at 802-333-4043.

We meet on the last Tuesday of each month at the Fire Station, and welcome any interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen A. Putnam, Captain



## Fire Department and Fast Squad 2009 Proposed Budget

Category	Amount	Comments
Telephone/Internet	\$1,000.00	
Air Compressor	\$250.00	
Payroll	\$7,500.00	
Fire Chief Salary	\$2,500.00	
FICA	\$700.00	
Forestry	\$1,000.00	
Radio Repairs-Supplies	\$750.00	
Training	\$2,000.00	
Mileage	\$0.00	
New Equipment	\$8,500.00	
Fire Ponds	\$800.00	
State Fire Association Dues	\$300.00	
Diesel-Gasoline	\$1,650.00	
Test Equipment	\$400.00	
Truck Supplies-Repairs	\$2,500.00	
Mutual Aid Dues	\$250.00	
Computer Supplies	\$250.00	
Disability Insurance	\$5,136.00	
Fast Squad	\$2,500.00	

<b>2009 Budget Total</b>	<b>\$37,986.00</b>
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*Firefighters tending their famous summer barbecue, L-R are Greg Collins, Rich Dion, Jeff Huntington and Austin Hogan.*

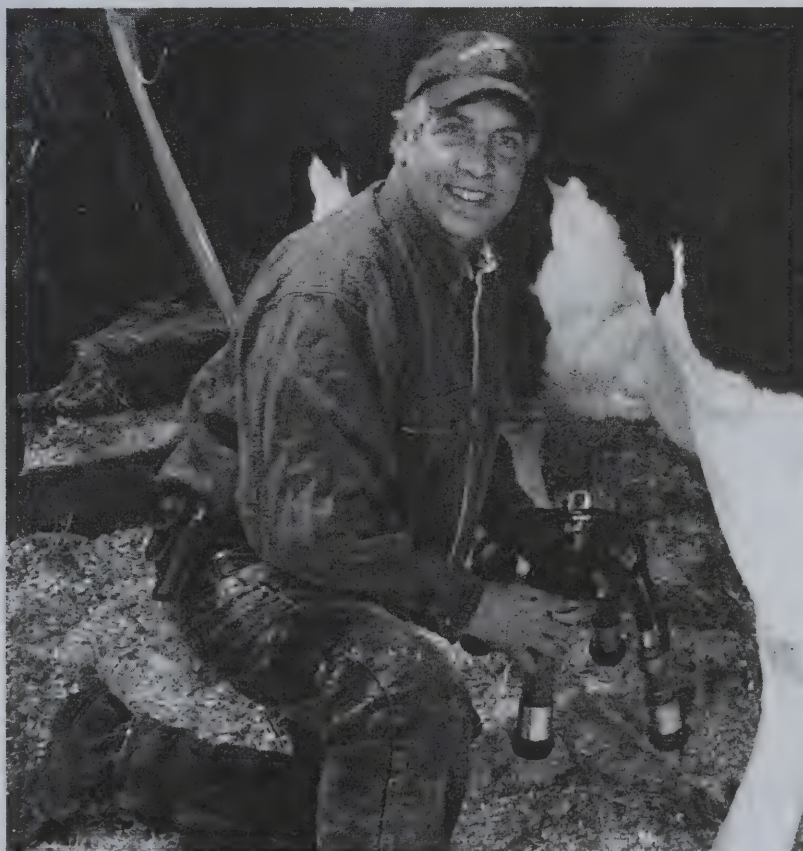
## **Animal Control 2008 Annual Report**

Dear Citizens of Piermont,

I submit my animal control report for 2008. I handled a variety of calls this year from suspected cruelty to nuisance calls. I work closely with the police, humane society and NEW HAMPSHIRE SPCA and also the department of agriculture if needed. I issued five fines for failure to license dogs this year. I issued one fine for dog running loose and transported the same dog to Enfield after repeatedly being picked up. I responded to one dog bite call and impounded the dog for failure to have the rabies certificate. I responded to several barking dog complaints. I responded to a possible rabid coon call. And for the year, I handled 28 incidents.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Godfrey  
Animal Control Officer



*Lee Robie hard at work on the Robie Farm*



## Town Library 2008 Annual Report

Piermont Public Library hosted two NH Humanities Council Programs. *Hill Country Abandonment and Piermont's Hill Country of Clay Hollow* was presented by Marcia Schmidt Blaine. Rebecca Rule shared New Hampshire humor at her presentation of *Stories*.

Other events included Andrew Timmon, NH Fish and Wildlife, presenting his "Turkey Talk." Lt Col. Eleanor Spiller, Army Nurse Corp, gave a talk on *WWII, the Home Front*. Joyce Tompkins led a book discussion on Kurt Vonnegut's *Slaughterhouse 5*. Summer Reading, G'Day for Reading, focused on an Australian adventure. Forty-six readers, aged 2-16, logged 285 books. Our annual Memorial Day Book Sale brought in \$276 with many books finding new homes. Also, the Trustees completed the library's Long Range Plan.

Special services provided by the library include the following:

- LUV COOP, librarians of the Upper Valley, rotates newer audio books and movies among 29 libraries.
- ILL, Interlibrary Loan, is very popular and successful. Need a title? We can ILL it for you.
- NH State Library Downloadable Audio Books Program offers audio books, which can be downloaded at the library to MP3 players. We have two MP3 players to loan to patrons.
- Our blog, [piermontlibrary.blogspot.com](http://piermontlibrary.blogspot.com), includes information about library hours, events, new material, the school's happenings, etc. <http://piermontlibrary.blogspot.com>.

Donations to the library's Memorial Funds were given in the names of Jean Putnam, Keith Robie and Evelyn Morrill. We thank townspeople for their generous donation of books, audio books and DVDs.

An important component in making Piermont Public Library "Small Town Perfect" is our Board of Trustees. Helga Mueller, chairman, was awarded Volunteer of the Year for the state of New Hampshire. We appreciate the hours she and other trustees donate to our library. Also, a special "Thank you" goes to Betty Hall, who will be retiring from the board. Trustees include Helga Mueller, chairman; Joyce Tompkins, treasurer; Stephanie Gordon, Secretary; Betty Hall, Nancy Sandell, Marian Shields, and Joe Medlicott.

Downloadable Books circulation .....	221
Downloadable Books Patrons .....	61
Circulation of PPL 2008.....	10407
Piermont Village School.....	2150
Total.....	12705

2008 Materials acquired: (books, CDs, DVDs, etc.).....	458
Collection as of 2007 .....	14620
	15078
# of books put into collection which were donated.....	297
Patron visits 2008: .....	4199

Respectfully Submitted,  
Margaret Ladd, Librarian  
James Meddaugh, Assistant Librarian



*A busy Memorial Day Library Book Sale*



## Town Library 2009 Proposed Budget

Category	Amount	Comments
Accounting	\$2,500.00	
Advertising	\$60.00	
Books purchased	\$3,500.00	
Books rented	\$800.00	
Cleaning	\$1,400.00	
Downloadable/audio	\$700.00	
Dues & fees	\$150.00	
Gross wages	\$24,256.00	
Internet services	\$300.00	
Library supplies	\$700.00	
Magazines & Newspapers	\$450.00	
Office Equipment	\$275.00	
Office Expense	\$400.00	
Payroll Taxes	\$1,856.00	
P.O Box rental	\$100.00	
Postage	\$125.00	
Programs	\$250.00	
Repair and Maintenance	\$250.00	
Rubbish and Snow	\$100.00	
Telephone	\$650.00	
Travel	\$200.00	
Unbudgeted Expenses	\$200.00	
Video and DVD	\$400.00	
Worker's Compensation	\$80.00	
Electricity	\$800.00	
Fuel Oil	\$2,750.00	

<b>2009 Budget Total</b>	<b>\$43,252.00</b>
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### Library Revenue

Book Sales	\$500.00	
Copier	\$200.00	
Donations & misc	\$1,000.00	
Interest Earned	\$15.00	
Reim. From Restricted	\$7,350.00	
School use	\$700.00	

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$9,765.00</b>
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<b>Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes</b>	<b>\$33,487.00</b>
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## Sewer Department 2009 Proposed Budget

Category	Amount	Comments
Operating Supplies	\$350.00	
Waste water testing	\$800.00	
Training Course Registration	\$100.00	Required certification
Training Course Salary	\$285.00	Required certification
Training Course Milage	\$180.00	Required certification
Granite State Rural Water Dues	\$120.00	
Bookkeeper Salary	\$325.00	
Tax collector salary	\$325.00	
Plant Operator Salary	\$8,200.00	
FICA Expense	\$800.00	
Milage for waste water testing & lab work	\$850.00	
Pumping Tanks, D-Boxes & Manholes	\$3,600.00	Based on estimate received 12/03/08. This may or may not be the actual cost for pumping tanks in either July or August of 2009. Approx. 18,000 gallons
Mowing and Clean up of Rt 25 plant & new bed	\$1,300.00	
Land Lease Agreement (Due 12/01/09)	\$1,638.04	
Snow Plowing & Manual Removal of Snow	\$790.00	C. Davidson plowed in 2008 at no charge
Electricity	\$150.00	
Legal	\$0.00	Do not foresee any legal issues for 2009
Special Projects	\$1,555.00	
A. Cut brush from east side of Rt 25 plant & remove debris (\$300.00)		
B. Finish filling manhole and pull ring (out fall manhole) Rt 25 plant (\$150.00)		Was not done last year
C. Repair road from Rt 10 to New Bed (\$180.00)		
D. Inspect manholes (\$390.00)		For those not done in 2008 & those scheduled for 2009
E. Pumping filtration from manholes in new section (\$400.00)		Will need to use sump pump and generator.
F. Mowing roadside & miscellaneous work (\$135.00)		

<b>O&amp;M Budget Total</b>	<b>\$21,368.04</b>
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Rural Development Bond Bank	\$6,642.00	
Bond Bank Payment	\$1,798.00	
Bond Bank Payment	\$4,721.00	
Subtotal	\$13,161.00	
Less NHDES Aid Grant	(\$8,500.00)	
	\$4,661.00	\$26,029.04

<b>2009 Budget Total</b>	<b>\$34,529.04</b>
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Long Term Debt	\$133.17
Operating and Maintenance	\$585.43
Sewage Rate per Unit for 2009	\$718.60



## **Transfer and Recycling Center 2008 Annual Report**

Dear Piermont Residents,

I am please to submit my 2008 recycling report. Things at the center have been going quite well. Our stuff we sell was high and bringing in good money. Then came the fall of the economy and with it, the price of recycling sales plummeted. The price of steel went from a high of \$285.00/ton to \$35.00/ton.

Paper was bringing in about \$80.00/ton and now it costs to move it. Some places can not even move a load, but so far I have been able to get it trucked away. Even though it is costing us it is still saving the town money. It saves about \$71.00/ton by recycling versus putting it in the trash. Prices have started to come back a little.

Steel has come back to about \$85.00/ton. It takes about 2.5 tons on one load to clear any profit. This does not include the cost of the dumpster. Paper and plastic have come back a bit. We went through this same thing about 10 years ago and you could not even get rid of plastic. Even with the fall of prices the last three months, we have still made over \$3,000.00 in sales.

Trash showed a drop of 7.88 tons from last year and recycling dropped about 10 tons. We took in about \$19,000.00 from bag sales and other fees plus the recycling income. We have a recycling ratio of about 47%, which is holding with last year and still above what other towns do. A figure to be proud of. Thank-you.

This year we will be repairing the trash compactor after 14+ years of use. It is starting to wear. This will keep it in service for many more years versus buying a new one in 2-3 years or having a major repair if left alone. This expense will come from the recycling trust fund. We will also be repairing the walkway to the trailer out back where we put our used TVs, etc. The walkway is from the old dumpsite and is about 18 years old and is all rotten, and a hazard for the workers carrying heavy items to the trailer.

I would like to also thank the road agent for keeping our dumpsters flattened allowing us to ship more weight for less cost.

The totals for the year break down as follows:

Trash	118.23 Tons
Plastic	14.79 Tons
Glass	14.76 from Nov '07 to Oct '08
Paper	49.83 Tons
Steel/Metal	16.71 Tons
Other Metals	1.68 Tons
Electronics	1.76 Tons
Used Oil	250 Gallons
Compost	Est. 5 Tons added to Pile

We also received two new signs through a grant I applied for. We also will be getting four more this year through a grant.

Respectfully submitted

Wayne Godfrey  
Transfer/Recycling Manager



*Recycling Manager Wayne Godfrey on duty*



## Transfer and Recycling Center 2009 Proposed Budget

Category	Amount	Comments
Trash Disposal & Trucking	\$15,547.00	
Salary	\$11,106.90	
FICA	\$863.00	
Training	\$250.00	
Electricity	\$225.00	
Recycle Hauler/Fees	\$3,000.00	
Plastic Bags for Recycling	\$145.00	
State Recertification	\$100.00	
Light Bulb/Mercury Removal	\$250.00	
Metal Removal and Rental*	\$1,200.00	
Tire Removal*	\$875.00	
Haz-Mat Day	\$1,500.00	
Bags and Labels for Payt	\$4,850.00	
Maintenance/Repairs (Trash Compactor)**	\$3,600.00	
Propane	\$75.00	
NRRA Dues	\$50.00	
Electronic Recycling*	\$600.00	
Gas for Lawn Mower/Snow Blower	\$10.00	
Boards to Repair Walkway	\$220.00	

<b>2009 Budget Total</b>	<b>\$44,466.90</b>
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### Anticipated Revenue

Income from Sale of Bags/Other Fees	\$19,000.00
From Recycling Trust Fund	\$3,600.00

<b>Total Anticipated Revenue</b>	<b>\$22,600.00</b>
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<b>Total Amount to be raised by taxes</b>	<b>\$21,866.90</b>
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\*Fees collected for these items

\*\*Money to come from Recycling Trust

## Town Grounds 2009 Proposed Budget

Category	Amount	Comments
<b>Recreational Area</b>		
Mow and Clip	\$1,500.00	Fields, Pits, Parking
Spring/Fall Cleanup	\$275.00	
Spring Fertilizer and Weed Control	\$290.00	
Full Lime Application	\$435.00	Clear out Fence Line
Special Projects	\$690.00	
Filling, brush at Fields		
Brush Backside of Parking		Fencing, Layout and Grading
Trees Trimmed in Lots		Annual Stipend
Bedford Road Fencing Repair	\$500.00	

Subtotal Recreational Area	\$3,690.00
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### Town Grounds

Lawns Surrounding Town Buildings	\$1,100.00	
Spring/Fall Cleanup	\$450.00	Lands around buildings
Spring Fertilizing and Applications	\$115.00	
Fall Lime Applications	\$160.00	
Special Projects	\$435.00	
Poison Ivy Eradication		
Continue work on backside of buildings		

Subtotal Town Grounds	\$2,260.00
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<b>2009 Budget Total</b>	<b>\$5,950.00</b>
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*Fire Chief Keith Brick and Police Chief Bob Garvin on duty during storm flooding.*



## Planning Board 2008 Annual Report

Meetings of the Board are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Church Building on Route 10. Members of the Board at year-end were:

William Morris, Chairman	Peggy Fullerton
Peter Labounty, Vice Chairman	Ed French
Fred Shipman	Suzanne Woodard
Jean Daley, alternate	Ora Schwartzberg, alternate
Mark Fagnant, ex-officio	

At the April election of officers William Morris was reelected chairman and Peter Labounty, vice chairman. The selectmen appointed Ora Schwartzberg as an alternate member.

The Board took the following actions in 2008:

**Piermont Master Plan** - All sections of the Master Plan have been completed and compiled except for the Conservation and Preservation section. The Board had been waiting for the Conservation Commission to complete a Natural Resources Inventory of the town which will form the basis of the Conservation and Preservation section. The Board started work on the section, following the completion and adoption of the Natural Resources Inventory by the Conservation Commission in September.

**Other Business** - In May the Board adopted changes in Articles 4 through 8 of the Piermont Subdivision Regulations following a public hearing. The Board made the changes in order to clarify discrepancies in language and make it easier for applicants to find information on procedures to follow when applying for a subdivision.

In order to comply with RSA 310, A:54 the Board made a change in the Piermont Subdivision Regulation requiring that a plat contain the stamp and signature of a licensed land surveyor instead of a professional engineer.

Members attended several workshops including a Municipal Law Update lecture given by Bernie Waugh, town counsel, and workshops on the new Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act.

**Approvals granted by the Board in 2008** - There were no applications for subdivision approval this year. Approvals granted were for a lot line adjustment by Shipman/Belyea on Route 25, Tax Map R-1, lots 15/17, and final plat approval was given to Ciola/Pryor for a lot line adjustment on 25C, Tax

Map R-1, lots 14/17. In addition, a conceptual meeting was held on a proposed 3 lot subdivision on Route 10, Tax Map R-1, Lot 7 by Lee Robie.

William Morris, Chairman

### **Zoning Board 2008 Annual Report**

Pursuant to a NH Supreme Court decision on the Camp Walt Whitman case remanding "the matter to the ZBA to determine whether the Camp impermissibly expanded its nonconforming use" on December 8, 2008, the ZBA issued a decision that includes conditions under which the Camp must operate to retain their nonconforming use status.

In the matter of the Musty-Faustini v. Piermont, the Superior Court on October 14, 2008, "concluded that the petitioner has failed to sustain her burden of showing that the ZBA acted unlawfully or unreasonably when it denied the application for the equitable waiver after the second hearing and denied the petitioner's motion for reconsideration. Accordingly, the ZBA's decision is **AFFIRMED.**"

In other business:

The ZBA approved with conditions a request for a Special Exception by Annette Coughlin to operate a KinderMusic program in the Piermont Congregational Church.

The ZBA approved with conditions a request for a Special Exception by Winston-Porter Investments to operate a mixed use – residential rental/professional offices – building on Rt 10 in the village.

The ZBA approved with conditions a request for a Variance by Lee Stafford to relocate a preexisting, nonconforming camp on a brook to a new location that is more nearly conforming on the same lot on Cross Road.

The ZBA approved with conditions a request for a Variance by Timothy and Marti Sutherland to demo two preexisting, nonconforming camps and construct a new year-round home that will be more nearly conforming on Lake Tarleton. Applicants were previously granted a waiver with conditions from the Comprehensive Shoreline Protection Act by the NH DES.

The ZBA approved with conditions a request for a Special Exception by Fred Shipman to rent ground to a communication cable contractor for use as a staging and storage facility at the intersection of Rt 25 and River Road.



Respectfully Submitted,  
Frederick W. Shipman,  
Chairman

### Planning and Zoning 2009 Proposed Budget

Category	Amount	Comments
Training and Workshops	\$250.00	
NH Planning and Land Use Regulation Books	\$150.00	
Supplies	\$150.00	
Recording Secretary	\$750.00	
Newspaper Notices*	\$400.00	
Upper Valley/Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission	\$1,000.00	
Map Wall Rack	\$330.00	
Postage/PO Box Rental*	\$500.00	

<b>2009 Budget Total</b>	<b>\$3,530.00</b>
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Anticipated Revenue \$800.00

\*These items are usually reimbursed by applicants



*Zoning Board conferring at hearing are, L-R: Helga Mueller, Steve Daly, Fred Shipman, George Schmid and Town Attorney Bernie Waugh.*

## Welfare Department 2008 Annual Report

In October 2008, I was hired by the Board of Selectmen to assume the duties of the Welfare Administrator for the Town. Up until that time, the Town Welfare had been handled by the Board of Selectmen. Since being hired by the Board, I have attended several workshops and the 2008 Annual Conference held by the Local Government Center. Each of these events has helped me to gain insight and knowledge into what is expected of an administrator of local welfare. Armed with this knowledge I can help to better serve those in our community that need assistance, whether it be through the town welfare or through federal and/or state programs that may be available.

In the coming year, I will be furthering my knowledge of the Welfare System and my primary goal in addition to offering assistance to those in need will be to present the Board of Selectmen with updated welfare guidelines.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Collins  
Welfare Administrator

## Welfare Department 2009 Proposed Budget

Category	Amount	Comments
Welfare Administrator Salary	\$5,460.00	
Aid to Applicants	\$15,000.00	
NH Local Welfare Admin Assoc Dues	\$30.00	
Training/Workshops/Annual Conference	\$225.00	
Salary for Training/Workshops/Annual Conference	\$1,400.00	
Mileage Reimbursement	\$1,000.00	
Postage	\$100.00	
Supplies	\$100.00	
<b>2009 Budget Total</b>	<b>\$23,315.00</b>	



## Cemetery Trust Funds 2008 Annual Report

### *Projects*

This past season the Trustees continued work at the new section of South Lawn Cemetery. The fence on the north boundary is almost complete. The east and south boundaries have been cleared and are ready for fence – hopefully this summer. We also replaced a section of the road surface in the original section. This coming year we hope to finish the fence, start the new roadway and lay out new lots as funds permit.

### *Maintenance*

Thanks to John Metcalf and his able crew, once again our cemeteries are something all our citizens can be proud of. Thank you John.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frederick W. Shipman,  
Bookkeeping Trustee

<b><u>Payments</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	
AH Harris	\$57.38	
Budget Lumber	\$1,994.17	
Chief Logging & Construction	\$360.68	
FlagsUSA.com	\$178.00	
Fred Shipman	\$14.99	
Home Depot	\$10.18	
Jean Underhill	\$575.00	
Ore Hill Excavation & Trucking	\$150.00	
Piermont Plant Pantry	\$10,189.98	
The Shipman Company	\$1,187.50	
USPS	\$43.54	
AG Edwards - transfer funds	\$625.00	
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	\$15,386.42	
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	
Town Appropriation	\$13,600.00	2 years
Interest and Dividends	\$3,135.56	
Burial Fees	\$1,350.00	
Lot sales	\$200.00	
Sale of corner stones	\$175.00	
Shed rental	\$82.00	
Perpetual Care	\$250.00	
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	\$18,792.56	

<b>Reconciliation for Year Ending</b>		<b>12/31/08</b>
Beginning Cash Balance as of	01/01/08	\$7,723.70
Receipts		\$18,792.56
Disbursements		(\$15,386.42)
<b>Ending Cash Balance as of</b>	<b>12/31/08</b>	<b>\$11,129.84</b>
Bank Statement Balance as of	12/31/08	
Checking, WGSB #23104015		\$11,129.84
Deposits Outstanding as of	12/31/07	\$0.00
Checks Outstanding as of	12/31/08	\$0.00
<b>Reconciled Balance</b>		<b>\$11,129.84</b>

### Cemetery Investment Summary

<b>Name of Investment</b>	<b>Year Beginning Market Value</b>	<b>Capital Gains Reinvested</b>	<b>Dividend Income</b>	<b>Year End Market Value</b>
Growth Fund of America	\$31,857.71	\$0.00	\$219.19	\$19,183.94
Capital World Growth and Income Fund	\$34,902.86	\$0.00	\$1,037.24	\$20,788.37
Washington Mutual Investors Fund	\$46,162.82	\$679.47	\$988.32	\$30,082.55
American Balanced Fund	\$79,936.80	\$579.55	\$2,248.30	\$57,483.28
AGE Bank Deposit Program	\$0.00			\$630.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$192,860.19</b>	<b>\$1,259.02</b>	<b>\$4,493.05</b>	<b>\$128,168.54</b>



*Part of the spectacular Plant Pantry's Annual  
Halloween Pumpkin Display*



## Trustees of Cemetery 2009 Proposed Budget

Category	Amount	Comments
Annual Contract	\$8,092.00	Mowing, Trimming, Spring/Fall Clean-Up
Fertilizer, Lime, Weed Control	\$725.00	
Raise Graves, Repair & Straighten Stones	\$1,305.00	
Trim Bushes and Trees	\$400.00	Clear out Fence Line
Stone Wall Repair	\$80.00	
Veteran's Flags	\$200.00	
South Lawn, Section 2	\$2,750.00	Fencing, Layout and Grading
Sexton	\$400.00	Annual Stipend
Grave Site Layout	\$175.00	
Grave Digging	\$900.00	
Supplies	\$100.00	
Postage and PO Box Rental	\$80.00	

<b>2009 Budget Total</b>	<b>\$15,207.00</b>
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### Anticipated Revenue

Customer Fees	\$1,075.00
Cemetery Fund Income	\$2,500.00
<b>Total Anticipated Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,575.00</b>



*Memorial Day Parade Marshal US Army Nurse Corps Lieutenant Jean Putnam with daughter, Barbara Dunbar and Babe Ackerman.*

## **Trustee of Trust Funds 2008 Annual Report**

As the financial markets went into free fall this past year, the trust fund values fell accordingly. The fund's income was also well behind the performance of 2007. Piermont trust funds are invested in mutual funds that have a very conservative approach to risk and income but fluctuate in value with the market. On the other hand, the capital reserve and expendable trust funds are invested in money market funds or bank deposit programs and therefore income is minimal but the principal is not at risk.

Our investment objective has been, and remains, to maximize income from investments that pose the least or no risk to principal.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frederick W. Shipman,  
Bookkeeping Trustee

### **Town Building Improvement Capital Reserve Fund**

For Capital Improvements – Cash Equivalent Fund  
December 31, 2008

Beginning Balance, 01/01/2008	\$33,226.69
Shares Purchased	\$0.00
Income Earned	\$630.96
Ending Balance, 12/31/2008	\$33,857.65

### **Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund**

For the Repair and Maintenance of Town Bridges – Cash Equivalent Fund  
December 31, 2008

Beginning Balance, 01/01/2008	\$48,201.58
Shares Purchased	\$5,000.00
Income Earned	\$899.17
Ending Balance, 12/31/2008	\$54,100.75



**Town Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**  
For Vehicular Equipment – Cash Equivalent Fund  
December 31, 2008

Beginning Balance, 01/01/2008	\$21,880.52
Shares Purchased	\$5,000.00
Income Earned	\$328.18
Ending Balance, 12/31/2008	\$27,208.70

**Town Fire and Emergency Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund**  
For Fire and Emergency Service Vehicles – Cash Equivalent Fund  
December 31, 2008

Beginning Balance, 01/01/2008	\$25,094.72
Shares Purchased	\$10,000.00
Income Earned	\$365.89
Ending Balance, 12/31/2008	\$35,460.61

**Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund**  
For Revaluation of Town Properties – Cash Equivalent Fund  
December 31, 2008

Beginning Balance, 01/01/2008	\$9,333.17
Shares Purchased	\$5,000.00
Income Earned	\$161.08
Ending Balance, 12/31/2008	\$14,494.25

**Town Bedford Lot Expendable Trust Fund**  
December 31, 2008

Beginning Balance, 01/01/2008	\$4,491.90
Shares Purchased	\$0.00
Income Earned	\$70.44
Ending Balance, 12/31/2008	\$4,562.34

## **Town Recycling Center/Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund**

December 31, 2008

Beginning Balance, 01/01/2008	\$8,043.96
Shares Purchased	\$3,000.00
Income Earned	\$117.93
Ending Balance, 12/31/2008	\$11,161.89

## **Town Recreational Facilities Expendable Trust Fund**

For Recreational Facility – Cash Equivalent

December 31, 2008

Beginning Balance, 01/01/2008	\$5,000.00
Shares Purchased	\$5,000.00
Income Earned	\$63.32
Ending Balance, 12/31/2008	\$10,063.32

## **Herbert A. Clark Memorial Trust Fund**

For the Support of the Town

December 31, 2008

<b>Name of Investment</b>	<b>Year Beginning Market Value</b>	<b>Capital Gains Reinvested</b>	<b>Dividend Income</b>	<b>Year End Market Value</b>
Growth Fund of America	\$147,615.81	\$0.00	\$1,015.65	\$88,890.68
Capital World Growth and Income Fund	\$161,726.06	\$0.00	\$4,806.11	\$96,325.07
Washington Mutual Investors Fund	\$213,899.85	\$3,148.39	\$4,579.48	\$139,390.36
American Balanced Fund	\$370,394.63	\$2,685.41	\$10,417.76	\$266,354.21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$893,636.35</b>	<b>\$5,833.80</b>	<b>\$20,819.00</b>	<b>\$590,960.32</b>



## **Conservation Commission 2008 Annual Report**

Monthly meetings of the Commission are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Old Church Building on Route 10. Members of the Commission at year-end were: Helga Mueller, chairman; David Ritchie, treasurer; Bill Morris; Eric Underhill; Ernie Hartley; Chris Jacobs; and Charles Grant.

As of December 31, 2008, the town's Conservation Fund contains \$1,824.06. The Underhill Canoe Site Fund, in a CD at Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, contains \$3,813.74. In addition, the Expendable Trust Fund for the maintenance of the Piermont Town Forest and Trails on Bedford Road contains \$4,562.34. Contributing to the Conservation Fund are 10% of revenues from current use changes and 10% from logging on town-owned properties. In 2008, the fund realized \$294 from a current use change.

Thanks go to the voters who in 2008 approved the \$2,000 budget for the Commission. Of these funds \$1,771 were spent for technical support from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) to help compile and complete a Natural Resources Inventory of the town.

**Natural Resources Inventory** – Four years after starting to work on the inventory, the Commission at a public hearing on September 10, 2008, adopted the completed Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) of the Town of Piermont. The NRI was prepared by members of the Commission with each member responsible for researching and writing a chapter in the inventory. The UVLSRPC provided technical assistance, compiling the individual chapters, developing recommendations for the protection of each resource, and mapping of the natural resources. It is the intention of the Commission that the NRI will form a foundation for land use priorities, master planning, regulation development, and as an action plan for future conservation work. Last year, the Commission had expended \$1,150.25 for GIS maps on which the Inventory is based. Plans are to display the maps in the meeting room of the Old Church Building. A copy of the NRI is available for review at the Town Clerk's office.

**Piermont Town Forest and Trails** - The site on Bedford Road is managed by the Commission for recreational and educational purposes. It serves as an outdoor science lab for Village School students to learn about nature and forest stewardship. Townspeople are encouraged to use the trails for hiking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. Thanks go to commission members Ernie Hartley and Eric Underhill for maintaining the trails and also to resident Stephanie Gordon, who replaces trail marking tapes as needed while using the trails.

**Canoe Campsites** - Both the Underhill Canoe campsite and the Sarah Moore Canoe Access which are managed by the Commission had another successful year with many local people, campers from youth camps, and even Elderhostelers enjoying the site on the river. The sites are open from May 1 to November 1.

**Water Quality Monitoring** - Members of the Commission together with members of the Lake Tarleton and Lake Armington Associations monitored the water quality of

Lakes Tarleton, Armington, and Katherine. Since monitoring started in 2002, the water quality in all three lakes has been consistently good. In some years minor spikes in e-coli bacteria occur at the State Park Beach in July.

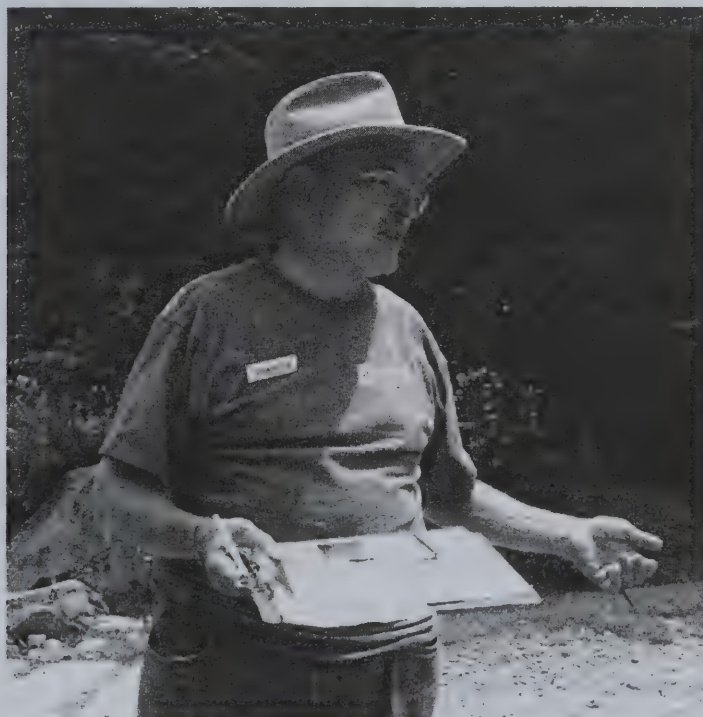
**Other matters** - Kudos go to the Lake Tarleton Association and the Lake Armington Association for their efforts to protect Lakes Tarleton and Armington from milfoil and other invasive plants by participating in the N.H. Lakes Association's "Lake Host Program." Last year Piermont voters contributed \$300 to their efforts.

Residents are reminded that if they are in doubt about any activity near a stream or wetland or any logging activity to contact a member of the commission for advice. We are also available to assist with establishing conservation easements or for any other environmental concerns.

Helga Mueller, Chairman

### Conservation Commission 2009 Proposed Budget

Category	Amount	Comments
Mapping and Reports	\$350.00	Prime Wetlands Study
Dues	\$150.00	
Educational Materials and Workshops	\$100.00	
Supplies	\$50.00	
<b>2009 Budget Total</b>		<b>\$650.00</b>



*Charley Muntz monitors aquatic weed growth on Lake Tarleton*



## **Historical Society 2008 Annual Report**

The Piermont Historical Society was founded in 1974 as a non-profit society to preserve the heritage of the people of Piermont. The Society is not supported by the town's taxpayers, but relies on yearly dues collected from members, fundraisers, and donations from generous benefactors.

The 2008 Annual Meeting was held on May 3. Since officers had been elected to two-year terms during 2007 no elections were here held. Current officers include Helga Mueller, President, Gary Danielson, Vice-president, Fred Shipman, Treasurer, and Joyce Tompkins, Secretary. Lloyd Hall continues as Director of Preservation and Betty Hall as Director at Large. A copy of the bylaws is available for those interested. Annual meetings are scheduled each year in April or the beginning of May.

Rather than opening a new exhibit during the current year the society has focused on evaluating and cataloguing the many donations and materials, which have been acquired. Rob Elder and Helga Mueller put together a collection of sixty photographs and had them put into a CD format at the Woodsville Photography shop. After members viewed the results we decided to continue this project. Gary Danielson has been working intently on restoring old photos using his computer and compiling them into CD's. We hope to make these collections available to interested Piermont citizens. We also are investigating the possibility of incorporating interviews with long time residents into DVD formats for easy viewing.

The Historical Society and the Piermont Public Library co-sponsored a program entitled Hill Country Abandonment in September. A hike to Piermont's own hill country in Clay Hollow was planned at that time but has been postponed to this coming spring at a date, which will be advertised.

A Historical Society fund-raiser yard sale was held on July 5 at the site of Fred's Flea Market. Many items donated by Piermont residents were sold and the society realized several hundred dollars to use for preservation supplies.

Although the Society continues to maintain rooms over the library we now enjoy a spacious room in the Old Church Building in which to hold our exhibits. Part of our last exhibition focusing on Piermont's Schools remains available for viewing. The Historical Society Room was opened on November 4, Election Day, and many residents took the time to browse through the exhibit. We are currently beginning work on another major exhibit entitled Piermont's Farms, Then and Now. Planning meetings for interested residents will be announced shortly. The exhibit will be similar to the school project

with farms being adopted for study and presentation design by interested parties. This exhibit is slated to open on Memorial Day 2010.

We invite you to become part of the Society. Your membership in the society can be as active as you choose. If you are unable to participate we welcome donations that permit us to continue preserving the heritage of our wonderful town. Membership dues are \$5.00 for a regular member, \$3.00 for a junior member and \$50.00 for life membership. If you are over eighty years of age you are entitled to a free membership. Dues may be mailed to the Piermont Historical Society c/o Fred Shipman, Treasurer, P.O. Box 273, Piermont, NH 03779.

Those wishing to visit the Historical Society may call Helga Mueller at 272-4359 or Joyce Tompkins at 989-5804. We are open to suggestions from Piermont residents for future exhibitions and we will continue to offer guided tours of historic sites within the town.

Helga Mueller - President



*Bill Putnam checks his heifers*



## **Recreation Department 2008 Annual Report**

This past year we set up a skating rink for the town thanks to Fred Shipman. The weather did not always cooperate so use was limited. The recreation department (PRD) offered three baseball teams to town children (t-ball, Minor league and Major league). The athletes did a great job representing Piermont. We offered track and Field as well with athletes attending 3-5 local meets. We raised money for summer camp scholarships and gave out over \$200.00 for summer camps. There is still money left for this year (about \$300). The PRD sponsored the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual soccer tournament for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade teams. A concession stand was organized by the 7<sup>th</sup>&8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington DC trip fundraising. The PRD has sponsored a couple of cribbage and horseshoe tournaments with mixed success. During the summer time there was a couple of successful hikes with about 15-20 townspeople participating. The destinations included Blueberry Mt. and Mt. Cube. There were also biking trips around local areas including the towns of Piermont, Newbury, Bradford, Orford, and Fairlee.

The committee is always looking for ideas and for anyone interested in helping out or joining the committee. If you are interested, contact a committee member: Eric Wagstaff, Chris Davidson, Jeff Gaudette, Katherine Gaudette and/or Billie French.

Thank you,

Cameron Prest



*Cameron Prest and Chris Davidson with baseball team*

## Vital Records 2008

### Births

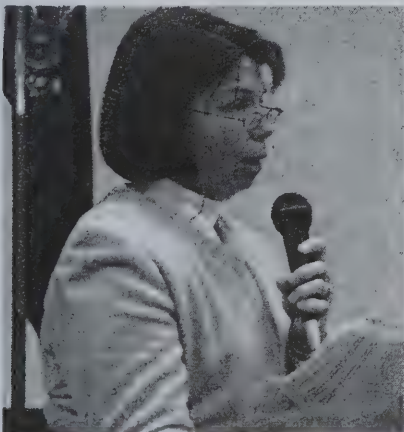
<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>
Hayden Daniel Noyes	11/19		Merry Noyes
Schala Marie Fadden	11/28	Mickey Fadden	Brittany Webb

### Marriage

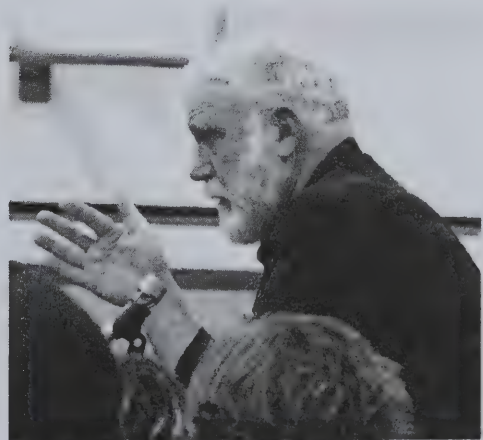
<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom's Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Bride's Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
05/24	Henry Zelaya	Houston, TX	Sarah Brown	Piermont
06/28	Jared Shipman	Piermont	Trisha Gautreau	Piermont
07/19	Adam Young	Piermont	Elizabeth Wright	Piermont

### Death

<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
Bernice Pierson	04/19	N. Haverhill, NH
Martha Sayers	04/29	Lyme, NH
Alan Jenks	07/02	Piermont, NH
Rose Macri	08/03	Piermont, NH
Evelyn Morrill	08/05	Piermont, NH
Robert McDonald	10/02	Piermont, NH
Lillian Martin	11/07	N. Haverhill, NH
Jean Putnam	11/25	Piermont, NH
Keith Robie	12/11	Piermont, NH
Pauline Webster	12/25	Connecticut
Eric Davis		Woodsville, NH
Mildred Hartley		N. Haverhill, NH
Donald Kuntz		Connecticut



*Village School Principal Jonann Torsey*



*Fred Shipman speaks at Town Meeting*











**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**of the**  
**SCHOOL BOARD**  
**of the**  
**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**for the**  
**FISCAL YEAR**  
**JULY 1, 2007 to JUNE 30, 2008**



## **ORGANIZATION OF THE PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **SCHOOL BOARD**

Vernon Jones - Chair	Term Expires 2011
Abigail Underhill	Term Expires 2010
Shawn Rogers/Monica Adams-Foster	Term Expires 2009

### **MODERATOR**

Joyce Tompkins

### **CLERK**

Karen Fagnant

### **HEALTH OFFICER**

Alex Medicott

### **TREASURER**

Frederick Shipman

### **AUDITORS**

Plodzick & Sanderson

### **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Bruce C. Labs

### **2007-2008 STAFF**

Jonann Torsey - Principal  
Eileen Dohrman - Kindergarten  
Brenda Bianchi - Grades 1-2  
Cassandra Spaulding - Grades 3-4  
Nancy Sandell - Grades 5-6  
Lydia Hill - 7/8  
Jonann Torsey - 7/8 Science  
Heather Caldwell - Math  
Paula Poirier - Art Education  
John Whitney - Music  
Cindy Valence - Special Education Teacher  
Kenneth Marier - Physical Education/Health Education  
Pam Hartley - Instructional Assistant  
Sanjuanita Jones - Instructional Assistant  
Billie Lamarre - Instructional Assistant  
Tricia Griswold - Guidance  
Moir Debois - School Psychologist  
Kathryn Kaminski - ESL Teacher  
Margaret Ladd - Librarian  
Laurie Rippe - School Nurse  
Cindy Jackson - School Secretary  
Jim Raper - Custodian  
Linda Lea - Lunch Director

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING  
MARCH 18, 2008**

Moderator Joyce Tompkins called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance. Joyce noted that Article 2 & 6 would be decided by ballot vote and the Yes / No ballots were distributed.

Fred Shipman made a motion to dispense reading the entire warrant. Second by Arnold Shields, all in Favor.

**ARTICLE 1: To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.**

Motion by Jean Daley, second by Suzanne Woodard this article passed over, all in favor.

**ARTICLE 2: To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate one million nine hundred thirty-one thousand eight hundred fourteen dollars (\$1,931,814.00) for the support of the schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This article is exclusive of any other article on this warrant. (The school board recommends this article).**

Article moved by Helga Mueller, second by Jean Underhill. Jim Lambert questioned the increase in the insurance cost for the food service department, item 211. Pat Amsden explained that the cost of insurance for a single employee is approximately \$5,800 and nearly \$16,000 for a family. She explained how some employees opt out of insurance for a lump sum payment of a lesser amount and how that also affects the budget. Helga Mueller asked if the Reading Specialist was included in this years budget, the answer was yes. There was discussion on the roles of each of the following; a Reading Specialist, a Title 1 Teacher and a Special Education Teacher and the funding for each. School Board member Abigail Metcalf Underhill stated that she has seen significant reading progress amongst her students. Bernadette Ratel asked what the educational cost per student is. Pat Amsden said that the State website shows that figure at \$11,703. less food services and transportation. Alex Medlicott asked for clarification of the increase of teachers salaries on line 110 in the Warrant. Pat Amsden answered that an increase of four new staff members contributed. Rob Elder inquired as to how many seniors will graduate and how many students will enter high school this year. The records show 19 graduating and 13 entering high school.

Jim Lambert made a motion to amend the article to read one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000.00). Seconded by George Smith. Jim stated decreased enrollment as his reasoning for the reduction. Shawn Rogers explained the process the Board went through to establish the budget, how items like new carpet and routine maintenance items such as paint were cut. Glen Meder added that decreased enrollment doesn't affect the budget as teachers are still needed for the remaining students. Bruce Labs said that a cut would mean people, not things. Jonann Torsey cautioned that enrollment fluctuates quickly; two new students came to the school recently. Abby Metcalf spoke on behalf of the future of the students and their preparedness for high school and beyond. Tony Smith reminded people that education is the largest expense in town and cutting the budget wouldn't be a good idea. Motion to call the question made by John Metcalf, second by Fred Shipman. Amendment to Article 2 defeated by voice vote. Peggy Fullerton made a motion to amend the article to read one million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$1,700,000.00). Second by Jim Lambert. Peggy asked that this be a ballot vote, ballot vote not requested in advance, request denied. Rebecca Ladd asked about the \$80,000.00 in town money that was rolled into the school funds two years ago. Pat Amsden explained it was a one time housekeeping item and that the funds were placed into an enrichment fund. Abigail Metcalf Underhill spoke on behalf of the high level of teachers at Piermont Village School. She feels that retention of teachers requires competitive salaries and benefits. Chairman Vernon Jones added that the creation of a competitive salary schedule helps to retain good teachers and attract well qualified new teachers. Others spoke on behalf of how well students test and how successful they are upon entering high school. Bill Daley moved to call the question, Jean Daley seconded. This amendment to Article 2 was also defeated by voice vote. Katy Blaine motioned to call the question, Bill Daley seconded. Article 2 was decided by ballot vote with 68 yes and 33 no. Article 2 passes.



**ARTICLE 3: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the previously established Special Education Expendable Trust, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2008. (The school board recommends this article.)**

Bill Daley moved the article, Sandra Rounds seconded. Article 3 passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 4: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the previously established Technology Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2008. (The school board recommends this article.)**

Jean Daley made the motion to pass over this article, Suzanne Woodard seconded, defeated by voice vote. School Board member Shawn Rogers explained that some areas of the budget have to be done as an educated guess, this includes tuition rates. This Trust Fund is in place to receive any surplus funds. The funds can be used if needed or saved for up coming years. Fred Shipman moved Article 4, Helga Mueller seconded. Article 4 passes by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 5: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the previously established Tuition Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2008. (The school board recommends this article.)**

Moved by Bill Daley, second by Jean Daley. Article 5 passes by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 6: To see if the district will vote to offer choice for Piermont high school students to attend any accredited public secondary school or approved public academy as defined in RSA 194:27 instead of the current policy that limits choice based on tuition cost. And further to raise and appropriate seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) for the 2008-2009 school year for estimated increase in tuition costs. (The school board recommends this article.)**

**Note:** This article is to ask voters if they want to offer choice to public schools and approved public academies (such as Thetford and St. Johnsbury Academy) for Piermont high school students regardless of the cost. The amount to be raised was calculated using the difference of the average tuition currently paid for the three core schools attended (Woodsville High School, Oxbow, and Rivendell) and the highest area tuition (currently Hanover) for 3 students.

Moved by Jim Lambert, second by Helga Mueller. There was discussion on the meaning of an accredited high school and a public academy. Bruce Labs explained the difference and entertained other questions on travel, placement testing, open enrollment, and cost containment versus the level of the school. He then announced the updated tuition rate for Hanover High School. The rate has been set at \$17,300. This figure does not fit in the guidelines of current tuition policy which allows up to an 18% increase above the average tuition rate. Arnold Shield read RSA 194:27 and RSA 194:22 to help with clarification of tuition. He also said that he personally feels that choice of high school is attractive but that Hanover is not necessarily the answer, no one school is the answer for everyone.

Fred Shipman made a motion to amend the article to do away with the current policy and allow only Haverhill, Rivendell and Oxbow. Katy Blaine seconded. Margaret Cleaves spoke on behalf of Thetford and the fact the two of her children are attending Thetford now. She has one more child to enter high school, and her intent is for him to go there also. Both Tim Lamarre and Michele Thayer, PVS graduates, stood to give their opinions on high school choice. They feel that high school is what each student makes of it and that there should be a limited number of schools allowed. Fred Shipman asked if he could change his amendment. Katy Blaine, who had seconded the amendment, did not agree therefore the amendment stood. On motion by Jean Underhill, second by Bill Daley the questioned was called. Article 6, as originally written, was decided by ballot, yes 42, no 56. Article 6 defeated.

**ARTICLE 7: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.**

Lisa Knapton addressed the Board to clarify that the current High School Tuition Policy still stands with the defeat of Article 6. The Board replied that it does.

Michele Thayer thanked Shawn Rogers for his support and help with the purchase of new soccer uniforms and for the new scoreboard in the gym.

Shawn Rogers spoke on the recent changes in the staff of Piermont Village School. He is especially pleased with the addition of Jonann Torsey, the new principal. As a parent Shawn feels that test scores are in sync with report card grades.

Abigail Metcalf Underhill thanked Arnold Shields for his many years of dedication to the Town of Piermont and the Piermont Village School. Arnold received a standing ovation.

Motion to adjourn made by Bill Daley 9:50 p.m., second by Arnold Shields. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Fagnant  
School District Clerk



**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2009 SCHOOL WARRANT  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Piermont, County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Old Church Building in said district on the 10th day of March 2009, polls to be open for election of officers at 10:00 o'clock in the morning and to close not earlier than 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE 1: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, a School District Clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, one School Board Member for a term of three years expiring in 2012.

Given under our hands at Piermont this \_\_\_\_ day of February 2009.

Vernon Jones, Chairperson

Abigail Metcalf Underhill

Monica Adams-Foster

PIERMONT SCHOOL BOARD

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2009 SCHOOL WARRANT  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the School District of Piermont, County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Piermont Village School in Piermont on the 17th day of March 2009, action on the Articles in this Warrant to be taken commencing at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE 1: To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate two million fifty-eight thousand three hundred ninety-one dollars (\$2,058,391.00) for the support of the schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This article is exclusive of any other article on this warrant. (The school board recommends this article).

ARTICLE 3: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the previously established Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2009. (The school board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be added to the previously established Tuition Expendable Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2009. (The school board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the previously established Technology Expendable Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2009. (The school board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 6: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at Piermont this \_\_\_\_ day of February 2009

Vernon Jones, Chairperson

Abigail Metcalf Underhill

Monica Adams Foster

PIERMONT SCHOOL BOARD



## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

I am pleased to have the opportunity to report to the voters and taxpayers of Piermont the educational progress of the Piermont Village School.

We have been working hard to build students performance in the basics, especially reading and math. I am pleased to say we have begun to see growth and confidence in reading at PVS. It seems the entire school is now excited about reading. We are beginning to see students' ability move towards grade level, as reported on the NECAP test, and we expect this to continue. Math instruction has been encouraged to help build skills to prepare them to move on to high school.

Students at PVS have access to computers throughout each grade level. It is evident that there is more comfort in the use of computer and smart board technology in the classrooms by the teachers as they integrate technology into their lessons more and more.

Mrs. Torsey and the teaching staff have worked hard to apply a middle school approach to students in the upper grades to encourage student voice in decisions that involve and affect them. We believe this has helped to encourage a better overall climate and culture at the school.

After two years, and much work, we hope to have a new set of policies approved by the School Board this March. Once the policies have been approved by all of the SAU #23 school districts we will be making them available online through the SAU #23 website.

I wish to express my thanks to Principal Torsey for her leadership in the past year; it has been noticed and appreciated. I also wish to recognize the School Board for their hard work, dedication, leadership, and support. Many of the duties and responsibilities of the school boards are thankless and I have watched this Board tackle many hard problems, not the least of which is giving students what they need and balancing this in a very difficult economic climate.

I continue to be grateful for the support the taxpayers and community have shown us and assure you that your support will never be taken for granted. The decisions on the direction of our programs will continue to be made with the best educational interests of our students and their future in mind.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce C. Labs  
Superintendent of Schools

## ANNUAL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I am pleased to submit the 2008 annual Piermont Village School report to you, the Piermont community.

Continuous improvement of individual student achievement is our main focus at Piermont Village School. Validating growing school-wide literacy concerns, the Piermont community supported the added position of a reading specialist during the 2007-08 school year. Our reading specialist, in collaboration with classroom teachers, has improved the reading skills of all of our students, especially our readers who struggle the most. While these improvements are worthy of celebration, many of our readers are not proficient in grade level expectations. Foundational to success in all academic areas, reading proficiency must continue to be pursued with fervor by our whole community. Likewise, proficiency in math and writing skills also remain at the center of our attention. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students performed at the state average in reading and writing and ahead of the state average in mathematics according to Fall 2008 NECAP testing. PVS 8<sup>th</sup> grade students demonstrate the following proficiency levels: 71% for reading; 86% for math; and, 57% for writing. The state averages are 71%, 65%, and 51% respectively. We will continue to strive to increase individual student achievement using standardized test data to inform instruction.

Eighth grade students Julian Grant and Matthew Ferron won the 2007-2008 Geography and Spelling Bees respectively. The annual all-school play, *The Princess and the Pea*, was produced with the expert help of a theater group in residence. The year culminated as thirteen students graduated from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in June: Keith Brick, Alyvia Covert, Matthew Ferron, Talaina French, Julian Grant, Kyle Huntington, Zachary Klunder, Michael Langley, Alex Oakes, Amber Pollock, Jordan Selph, Nicholas Thomson, and Peter Trapp. These students joined other Piermont Village School graduates at area high schools, bringing our current high school and vocational program enrollment to 46.

Piermont Village School appreciates community support toward the goal of retaining our excellent and experienced staff, which we were able to do at 100% this year. While we did not replace any staff positions this year, the number of students requiring special education services has grown from 10 students in January of 2007 to 22 in January of 2009. We hired two additional instructional assistants to meet the educational needs of these students. New faces among the Piermont Village School staff for the 2008-2009 school year include Instructional Assistants Charlotte Chase and Allison Malcolm. We currently have 67 students in grades K-8 at PVS.

Striving to embrace the distinctive developmental needs of our oldest students, we restructured the grades 7 & 8 classroom and purchased new science lab tables, desks and chairs for their space. These students also have new science equipment, graphing calculators, and new science and social studies texts adding updated research, online support, and enrichment opportunities. A review of our middle school culture and climate culminated in an end of summer orientation program and implementation of a revised school wide behavior plan and adoption of Developmental Designs for Middle Schools. The resulting positive changes in our middle school student behavior and attitudes toward school are exceptional.

Piermont boasts a newly revitalized Parent Teacher Organization representing approximately 30% of our families. Even at this early stage of formation, this group has produced a new community calendar and is beginning a new tradition of a monthly family movie night. Piermont's support for the school and thriving spirit of volunteerism was clearly evident during our November Open House as 54 of 67 families participated and we increased our pool of official volunteers by 30%.

Back To School Night, Whole School Hike, Pumpkin Carving for the Metcalf Farm Pumpkin Lighting, Halloween Party, Honor Roll Breakfast, monthly birthday celebrations, Holiday Food Drive, Concert and Stations Day, whole-school play, DC Trip, etc., contribute to the sense of community and expectation of rituals that excite and inspire all members of our school. Continuing to set a strong example of service and leadership across all grades, Student Council has written and posted sportsmanship expectations, raised funds to support playground improvements, collected and distributed food for the Food Pantry, and decorated the school for the Holidays already this year. Our staff members creatively and expertly organize and elicit support for these traditions; their tremendous experience is our priceless endowment.



On behalf of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, thank you for supporting the Washington, D.C. fundraising activities. These students and their families are eagerly anticipating their Washington adventure in April of this inaugural year. Thank you for serving and supporting your community school; your constant involvement in the daily life of our school makes our Piermont Village School exceptional.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonann M. Torsey, Principal

### **PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

#### **HONOR ROLL THIRD TRIMESTER 2007-2008**

##### **Grade Five**

Danny Jones\*  
Amber Koch  
Kathleen Metcalf

##### **Grade Six**

Erva Barnes\*  
Dylan Gaudette\*  
Kaylee Rogers\*

##### **Grade Seven**

Brendan Jones\*  
Cooper Trapp\*

##### **Grade Eight**

Alyvia Covert\*  
Julian Grant\*  
Peter Trapp\*

\*Indicates students who were on the honor roll all three marking periods.

In order to be named to the honor roll a student must be in grades five through eight and receive A's and B's in all subject areas, social adjustment and work habits.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS 2007-2008**

Jonathan Cook – University of NH  
Andrew Cushing – Bowdoin College  
Keith Ratel – Johnson & Wales  
Laci Bailey – University of NH  
Sarah Priestley – Keene State College  
Drew Jones – Dartmouth College  
Brendan Grant – Carleton College  
Faith Putnam – Colby Sawyer



**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STUDENTS TUITIONED TO OTHER DISTRICTS  
2007-2008**

Haverhill Cooperative*	8	15%
Oxbow*	21	43%
Mascoma	1	2%
Rivendell*	7	15%
St. Johnsbury Academy	5	10%
Thetford Academy*	6	13%
Becket School	1	2%
<b>TOTAL TUITION STUDENTS</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* Have students attending Riverbend

**SUPERINTENDENT'S ENROLLMENT REPORT  
2007-2008**

October 1, 2007 Enrollment	75
Average Daily Membership	74.4
Percentage of Daily Attendance	96.1%

**ENROLLMENT BY GRADES**

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
	5	6	7	5	9	8	13	9	13	75

**PIERMONT VILLAGE SCHOOL  
TEACHER QUALITY REPORT  
2007-08**

Education Level of Faculty and Administration  
(In Full Time Equivalents)

	BA	BA+15	MA	MA+15	MA+30
TEACHERS	1	2	5	0	0
ADMINISTRATION	0	0	1	0	0

Number of Teachers with Emergency/Provisional Certification - 0  
Number of Core Academic Courses Not Taught By Highly Qualified Teachers - 0

**PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW**

As a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or legal guardian,  
you have the right to know:

1. Who is teaching your child
2. The qualifications and experience of your child's teacher(s)

For information concerning your child's teacher(s),  
please contact the Superintendent's Office at:

SAU #23  
2975 Dartmouth College Highway  
North Haverhill, NH 03774  
603-787-2113

A copy of the Piermont Village School Title One Report Card  
is available at the school.

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BALANCE SHEET AS OF JUNE 30, 2008**

		Fund 10	Fund 21	Fund 22	Fund 30	Fund 70
		GENERAL	FOOD SERVICE	ALL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUES	CAPITAL PROJECT S	TRUST FUNDS
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>						
<b>Current Assets</b>						
CASH	100	17,214				-
INVESTMENTS	110					318,358
INTERFUND RECEIVABLE	130	4,196				-
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLE	140	3,812	1,028	4,122		-
OTHER RECEIVABLES	150	2,212				-
PREPAID EXPENSES	180	804				-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>28,238</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>4,122</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>318,358</b>
<b><u>LIABILITY &amp; FUND EQUITY</u></b>						
<b>Current Liabilities</b>						
INTERFUND PAYABLES*	400		703	4,122		-
OTHER PAYABLES*	420	3,321	326			-
ACCRUED EXPENSES	460	866				
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	470	66				
DEFERRED REVENUES	480	1				
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>4,254</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>4,122</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fund Equity</b>						
RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCES	753	9,526				629
RESERVED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES	760					317,729
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	770	14,458				
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>		<b>23,984</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>318,358</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>		<b>28,238</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>4,122</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>318,358</b>

Note: Numbers are rounded



**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOND PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Fiscal Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Total
2008	40,000	10,800	50,800
2009	40,000	8,100	48,100
2010	40,000	5,400	45,400
2011	40,000	2,700	42,700
TOTALS	160,000	27,000	187,000

**Audit Report**

The Piermont School District has been audited by the Plodzik & Sanderson Professional Association. Copies of the audit are available for public review at the Superintendent's Office at the James R. Morrill Municipal Building, North Haverhill, NH.

**REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER  
For The Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008**

**SUMMARY**

Cash on hand July 1, 2007	\$ 63,796.30
Plus Receipts	1,811,679.59
Plus Interest	4,794.65
Less School Board Orders	<u>1,863,156.94</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 2008	\$ 17,113.60

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CAPITAL RESERVE AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS  
July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008**

Fund Name	Beginning Value	Dividends/ Interest	Withdrawals	Ending Value
Building CRF	\$ 92,154.01	\$ 2,995.99	\$ 0.00	\$ 95,150.00
Building Emergency Repairs ETF	30,794.91	1,084.03	898.28	30,980.66
Special Education Emerg. ETF	54,195.27	1,724.09	20,000.00	35,919.36
Technology ETF	13,709.83	425.86	3,390.00	10,745.69
Tuition ETF	101,790.75	3,087.60	60,000.00	46,936.96

Note: No shares purchased or deposits made

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL ENRICHMENT FUND  
July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008**

Investment Name	Beginning Value	Dividends Reinvested	Capital Gains Reinvested	Withdrawals*	Ending Value
American Balanced Fund	\$ 45,181.33	\$ 1,257.33	\$ 1,337.46	\$ 562.86	\$ 41,100.08
Capital World Growth/Income Fund	18,917.45	486.91	1,376.52	0.00	17,941.09
Growth Fund of America	17,580.15	175.95	1,007.31	0.00	16,656.62
Washington Mutual Invest. Fund	27,062.08	543.01	1,418.39	0.00	22,932.56
Total	\$108,741.01	\$ 2,463.20	\$ 5,139.68	\$ 562.86	\$ 98,630.35

\* Includes transaction fees charged by broker

Note: No deposits made

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008**

Name of Investment	Beginning Value 7/1/07	Deposits	Dividends Accumulated	Capital Gains Reinvested	Scholarships Awarded	Ending Value 6/30/08
Cash	162.08	0	8.56	0	627.57	181.83
Income Fund of America	14661.32	0	638.78	584.52	0	12380.25
Total	\$14,823.40	0	\$647.34	\$584.52	\$627.57	\$12,562.08

# PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUES

	2007-2008 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2008-2009 <u>REVISED</u>	2009-2010 <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>+/-</u>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
770 Fund Balance (to reduce taxes)	31,411	-	-	-
<u>Revenue From Local Sources</u>				
1111 Current Appropriation	941,026	1,093,598	1,236,268	142,670
1320 Tuition from Other LEA's	-	12,985	12,985	-
1510 Interest on Investments	4,675	4,500	4,500	-
1980 Refund from prior year	2,173	1,900	-	(1,900)
1990 Miscellaneous	1,805	1,100	1,400	300
5252 Transfer from Trust	83,390	8,390	8,390	-
<u>Revenues From State Sources</u>				
3111 State Adequacy Grant *	430,865	430,865	395,470	(35,395)
3112 State Adequacy Tax	203,798	192,944	228,339	35,395
3210 School Building Aid	12,680	11,801	11,520	(281)
3230 Catastrophic Aid	4,003	3,662	11,254	7,592
3241 Vocational Tuition	37,684	59,618	49,350	(10,268)
3242 Transportation	952	-	-	-
<u>Revenues From Federal Sources</u>				
4580 Medicaid	14,750	18,000	18,500	500
4810 National Forest Reserve	1,935	1,738	1,935	197
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES</b>	<b>1,739,735</b>	<b>1,841,101</b>	<b>1,979,911</b>	<b>138,810</b>
<b>GRANTS</b>				
4500	44,580	48,515	35,830	(12,685)
<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>	<b>44,580</b>	<b>48,515</b>	<b>35,830</b>	<b>(12,685)</b>
<b>FOOD SERVICE</b>				
1610 Food Service Sales	14,461	13,000	14,000	1,000
3260 State Reimbursement	375	350	350	-
4560 Federal Reimbursement	5,973	6,000	6,000	-
5221 Transfer from General Fund*	18,735	22,848	22,300	(548)
<b>TOTAL FOOD SERVICE</b>	<b>39,545</b>	<b>42,198</b>	<b>42,650</b>	<b>452</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>	<b>1,855,271</b>	<b>1,931,814</b>	<b>2,058,391</b>	<b>126,577</b>
Transfer to Trusts		14,458		(14,458)
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>1,855,271</b>	<b>1,946,272</b>	<b>2,058,391</b>	<b>112,119</b>

## SCHOOL TAX RATE PER \$1,000

	<u>ACTUAL</u> 2007-2008	<u>ACTUAL</u> 2008-2009	<u>BUDGET</u> 2009 - 2010	<u>+/-</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>VALUATION</u>
Local Education Tax	10.31	11.93	13.49	1.56	91,667
State Education Tax	2.25	2.13	2.52	0.38	90,760
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL TAX RATE</b>	<b>12.56</b>	<b>14.06</b>	<b>16.01</b>	<b>1.94</b>	<b>per \$1,000</b>
change from prior year	1.47	1.50	1.94		



# PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET SUMMARY BY OBJECT

DESCRIPTION	2007-08 EXPENSES	2008-09 BUDGET PROPOSED	2009-2010 BUDGET	INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
110 PROFESSIONAL SALARIES	420,459	448,132	465,193	17,061
111 BOARD/DISTRICT MEETING SALARIES	3,258	4,440	4,423	(17)
112 SUPPORT STAFF SALARIES	92,401	98,714	112,701	13,987
113 SUMMER SCHOOL SALARIES	-	1,800	4,333	2,533
120 TEMPORARY SALARIES	6,472	6,400	5,100	(1,300)
122 CO-CURRICULAR SALARIES	1,750	2,500	2,500	-
211 HEALTH INS	59,078	62,675	68,351	5,676
212 DENTAL INSURANCE	-	3,696	4,183	487
213 LIFE INSURANCE	218	239	252	13
214 DISABILITY INSURANCE	1,014	1,087	1,152	65
220 FICA TAXES	40,563	43,800	45,911	2,111
231 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	7,454	8,780	8,456	(324)
232 PROFESSIONAL RETIREMENT	23,090	24,954	31,590	6,636
240 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	5,582	15,350	15,350	-
250 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	560	434	442	8
260 WORKERS COMP	3,492	3,133	3,098	(35)
310 SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES	75,025	70,270	77,986	7,716
320 PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE	50,897	56,411	46,097	(10,314)
330 OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	29,614	30,975	44,076	13,101
411 WATER & SEWAGE	6,323	10,000	8,000	(2,000)
421 RUBBISH REMOVAL	1,899	2,100	2,000	(100)
422 SNOW REMOVAL	4,080	2,300	4,100	1,800
430 CONTRACTED REPAIRS/MAINT.	11,423	11,750	11,750	-
432 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS	3,493	3,175	4,414	1,239
440 RENTALS	5,917	5,918	5,918	-
490 SECURITY	625	1,100	1,100	-
510 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	39,314	38,005	77,838	39,833
520 PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE	4,005	4,364	3,968	(396)
531 TELEPHONE	2,834	2,650	2,650	-
532 DATA COMMUNICATIONS	899	900	900	-
534 POSTAGE	1,111	1,200	1,200	-
540 ADVERTISING	867	2,030	1,430	(600)
550 PRINTING	322	1,050	1,050	-
561 TUITION/IN-STATE LEA	158,670	163,981	147,884	(16,097)
562 TUITION/OUT-STATE LEA	505,034	503,542	571,211	67,669
564 TUITION - PRIVATE	48,655	65,312	51,609	(13,703)
580 TRAVEL, LODGING, FOOD	-	500	500	-
610 SUPPLIES	14,757	21,300	20,580	(720)
611 MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	1,748	-	-	-
622 ELECTRICITY	11,597	12,000	13,300	1,300
623 PROPANE	16,619	16,500	20,500	4,000
640 BOOKS & OTHER PRINTED MATERIAL	6,932	7,000	9,140	2,140
650 SOFTWARE	1,331	1,136	1,140	4
734 ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	1,654	600	1,100	500
737 REPLACEMENT FURNITURE	578	2,250	-	(2,250)
738 REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	946	1,150	2,150	1,000
810 DUES/FEES	6,981	6,050	5,585	(465)
830 INTEREST	10,800	8,100	5,400	(2,700)
910 PRINCIPAL	40,000	40,000	40,000	-
930 FUND TRANSFERS	18,735	35,806	22,300	(13,506)
<b>SUBTOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>1,749,077</b>	<b>1,855,559</b>	<b>1,979,911</b>	<b>124,352</b>

# PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET SUMMARY BY OBJECT

DESCRIPTION	2007-08 EXPENSES	2008-09 BUDGET PROPOSED	2009-2010 BUDGET	INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
<b>FOOD SERVICE FUND</b>				
112 SUPPORT STAFF SALARIES	16,957	17,936	18,480	544
120 TEMPORARY SALARIES	2,354	650	650	-
211 HEALTH INS	1,300	1,300	1,300	-
213 LIFE INSURANCE	17	18	18	-
214 DISABILITY INSURANCE	36	38	39	1
220 FICA	1,577	1,522	1,564	42
231 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	1,596	1,682	1,798	116
250 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	19	16	16	-
260 WORKERS COMP	125	111	110	(1)
430 CONTRACTED REPAIRS/MAINT.	956	1,000	1,000	-
580 TRAVEL, LODGING, FOOD	-	100	100	-
610 SUPPLIES	841	1,550	1,300	(250)
630 FOOD FOR LUNCH PROGRAM	13,736	15,225	15,225	-
738 REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	-	1,000	1,000	-
810 DUES/FEES	32	50	50	-
<b>SUBTOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>39,545</b>	<b>42,198</b>	<b>42,650</b>	<b>452</b>
<b>GRANTS</b>				
110 PROFESSIONAL SALARIES	33,956	37,131	26,942	(10,189)
211 HEALTH INS	5,405	5,819	4,245	(1,574)
212 DENTAL INSURANCE	-	-	235	235
213 LIFE INSURANCE	11	12	9	(3)
214 DISABILITY INSURANCE	71	79	56	(23)
220 FICA	2,598	2,841	2,060	(781)
232 PROFESSIONAL RETIREMENT	1,969	2,153	1,874	(279)
610 SUPPLIES	207	-	-	-
810 DUES/FEES	362	380	309	(71)
890 HOMELESS SET ASIDES	-	100	100	-
<b>SUBTOTAL GRANTS</b>	<b>44,580</b>	<b>48,515</b>	<b>35,830</b>	<b>(12,685)</b>
<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>				
430 CONTRACTED REPAIRS/MAINT.	269	-	-	-
640 BOOKS & OTHER PRINTED MATERIAL	557	-	-	-
430 CONTRACTED REPAIRS/MAINT.	3,740	-	-	-
611 MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	178	-	-	-
640 BOOKS & OTHER PRINTED MATERIAL	500	-	-	-
734 ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	27,973	-	-	-
<b>SUBTOTAL TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>33,218</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>1,866,419</b>	<b>1,946,272</b>	<b>2,058,391</b>	<b>112,119</b>
ADDITIONAL WARRANT ARTICLES:		ARTICLE 3	15,000	
		ARTICLE 4	6,000	
		ARTICLE 5	5,000	
<b>TOTAL BUDGET AND WARRANT ARTICLES</b>			<b>2,084,391</b>	

PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
PREVIOUS TWO FISCAL YEARS PER RSA 32:11-a

	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>
<b><u>Special Education Expenses</u></b>		
1200 Special Programs	144,684	201,455
1430 Summer School	2,621	6,681
2150/2159 Speech and Audiology	13,224	15,744
2162 Physical Therapy	-	-
2163 Occupational Therapy	5,779	1,715
2722 Special Transportation	341	931
<b>Total Special Education Expenses</b>	<b>166,648</b>	<b>226,525</b>

<b><u>Special Education Revenue</u></b>		
1322 Special Education tuition	-	-
3110 Special Ed. portion Adequacy funds	56,405	39,358
3240 Catastrophic Aid	-	4,003
4580 Medicaid	15,638	14,750
<b>Total Special Education Revenue</b>	<b>72,043</b>	<b>58,111</b>

<b>NET COST TO TAXPAYERS</b>	<b>94,606</b>	<b>168,414</b>
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**IDEA Entitlement Grant Funds**

Part A - Preschool	916	523
Part B - Special Education	26,422	21,072



## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

One half of the School Administrative Unit expenses are prorated among the school districts on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of SAU #23, during the 2008-2009 school year, will receive a salary of \$95,762. There is no Assistant Superintendent or Business Administrator position at SAU #23 at this time.

The table below shows the pro-ration of the salary to each school district:

Superintendent Salary		
Bath	\$11,003	11.49%
Benton	\$1,848	1.93%
Haverhill Cooperative	\$62,925	65.71%
Piermont	\$10,017	10.46%
Warren	\$9,969	10.41%
TOTAL	\$95,762	100%

# SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 BUDGET SUMMARY

	2008-2009	2009 - 2010	
	APPROVED	APPROVED	INCREASES/
<u>DEPARTMENT NUMBER / DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>(DECREASES)</u>
1100 ITINERANT TEACHERS	144,777	149,887	5,110
1230 FRENCH POND PROGRAM	209,907	218,563	8,656
1231 KING STREET PROGRAM	164,371	177,637	13,266
1430 FRENCH POND SUMMER SCHOOL	11,110	8,374	(2,736)
1431 KING STREET SUMMER SCHOOL	1,588	1,794	206
2120 ITINERANT GUIDANCE	25,871	27,847	1,976
2150 SPEECH/LANGUAGE	196,138	210,944	14,806
2210 CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT	1,133	1,533	400
2220 TECHNOLOGY SUPERVISION	79,704	82,358	2,654
2311 SCHOOL BOARD	4,372	4,782	410
2313 DISTRICT TREASURER	2,724	2,957	233
2317 AUDIT	5,500	5,500	-
2318 LEGAL COUNSEL	500	800	300
2321 OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT	405,627	424,383	18,756
2330 SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMIN.	156,259	163,184	6,925
2540 SAU-WIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS	2,100	1,500	(600)
2620 BUILDING & RENT	22,200	22,200	-
2640 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & INS.	4,240	4,757	517
2810 RESEARCH, PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT	3,100	3,600	500
2820 COMPUTER & NETWORK	27,902	17,800	(10,102)
2830 RECRUITMENT	450	450	-
SUBTOTAL GENERAL FUND	1,469,573	1,530,850	61,277
IDEA SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANTS	271,512	266,735	(4,777)
TOTAL BUDGET	1,741,085	1,797,585	56,500
	% increase =		3.2%

# SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 REVENUES

		<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2008 - 2009</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2009 - 2010</u>	<u>+/-</u>
<b>LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN ASSESSMENT</b>				
1320	Tuition - French Pond	132,482	113,556	(18,926)
1321	Tuition - King Street School	170,334	208,186	37,852
1325	Tuition -French Pond/King St. Summer Schoo	12,705	10,168	(2,537)
1950	Itinerants teachers serving districts	244,773	253,757	8,984
1951	Speech/ Language	196,138	210,944	14,806
1990	Other local revenue (town internet line fees)	945	945	
1510	Interest	3,500	4,500	1,000
5210	Indirect Costs from SAU IDEA Grant	6,900	6,900	-
	Use of Fund Balance	<u>30,000</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
	Total Other Revenue General Fund	797,777	844,956	47,179
1111	DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS	671,796	685,894	14,098
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>1,469,573</b>	<b>1,530,850</b>	<b>61,277</b>
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES FUND 22 - GRANTS		<u>271,512</u>	<u>266,735</u>	<u>(4,777)</u>
<b>TOTAL SAU BUDGET INCLUDING GRANTS</b>		<b>1,741,085</b>	<b>1,797,585</b>	<b>56,500</b>





*1964 Bicentennial group features, front, L-R: Meda Kinghorn, Charlotte Gould Wilson, Agnes Hodgson Perkins. Rear, L-R: Admiral James Brewer, Philip Robinson, William Deal, Ted Ball.*



*Historical Society float in the 1976 Memorial Day Parade featured, L-R Bruce Lamarre, Leroy George, Karen Simpson and William Simpson.*



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